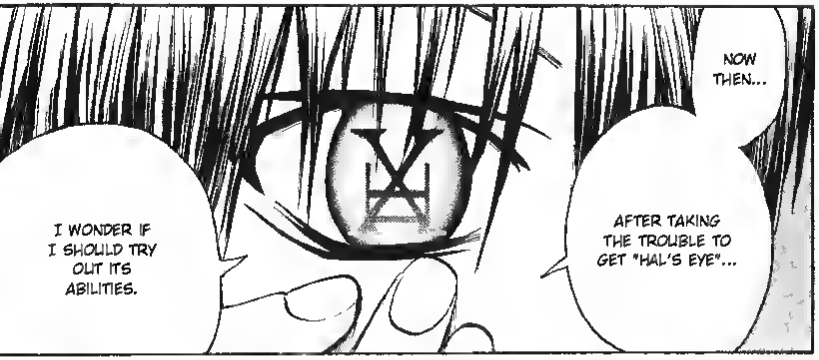

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...HOW DOES IT FEEL?
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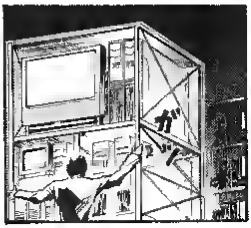
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JUST RIGHT.
...YEP.
...NO.
I'LL REFRAIN, THANKS.
KASAI.
YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOOK TOO?
I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO DO THAT KIND OF THING.
...BUT
I WAS SURPRISED.
...SURE.
A PERSON'S BRAIN IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS A COMPUTER.
THEY'RE NOTHING BUT INTERCHANGING ELECTRONIC SIGNALS.
TAMPERING WITH YOUR BRAIN LOOKS LIKE IT COULD BE HARD.

TO REPRODUCE A SUPERCOMPUTER'S CIRCUITS INSIDE THE BRAIN IS...
IS SOMETHING I'VE NEVER CREATED BEFORE.
THAT'S WHY THERE'S ALL THIS ASSEMBLED DATA AND MACHINERY AND SO ON.
AI DID ALL THE HARD PARTS FOR ME.
RIGHT!!
...YES.
...BUT.
FROM WHAT I FOUND IN THE WORLD ONLINE ..
THE ABILITIES THAT YOU ABSORBED FROM HAL II ARE
NOTHING COMPARED TO THE ORIGINAL HAL.
EVEN THE FULL POWER THAT HAL HELD...
EVEN IF YOUR POWER COMES UP AGAINST HIS...
WAS DEFEATED BEFORE NEURO.
I WONDER WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL TRULY WIN.

...THE ONE WHO CAN DO THAT
IS, RIGHT NOW, NOBODY BUT ME.
FOR US HUMANS...
HE'S WAITING.
AND EVOLVE INTO AN EXISTENCE THAT THREATENS HIM.
TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR LIMITED POWER
WELL, SEE.
IT'S LIKE USING ANY KIND OF POWER.
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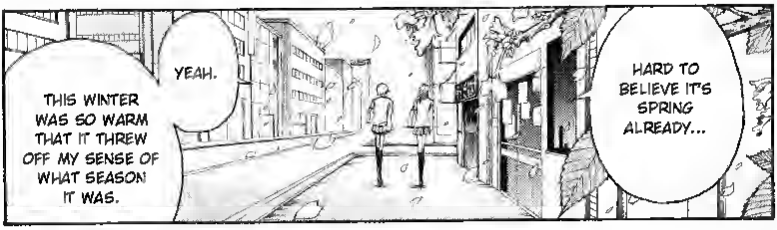
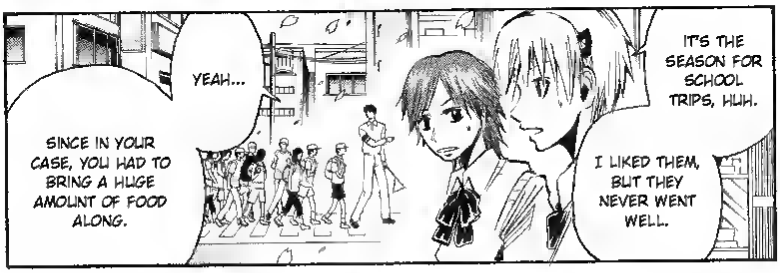
WE'RE SHOOTING FOR NEURO THIS TIME.
WHILE I'LL TAKE YOUR OPINION INTO CONSIDERATION
AI.

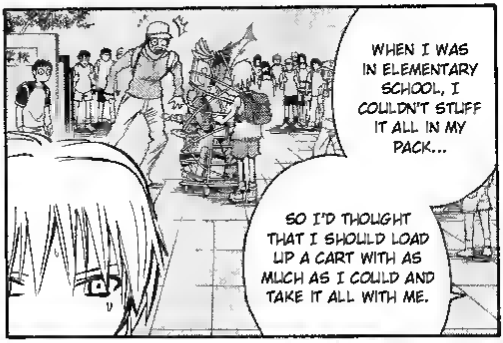
WHO I AM INSIDE.
TO FIND OUT FROM HIS INNARDS ...
NOW THEN
GO AHEAD, LEECH.
WITH THE ELECTRONIC DRUG, I CAN PLANT MY POWERS AND APPROXIMATE ORDERS INTO HIM.
SINCE HE'S SMART.
HE'LL DO A GOOD JOB FOR ME.
AND RUMMAGE THROUGH HIS REMAINS.
RIP HIM APART,
STRIKE DOWN NEURO,
FIRST OF ALL...

...KASAI.
I WOULDN'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO SAY THAT ABOUT PEOPLE VERY OFTEN EITHER, BUT...
HIHII
...WHEW.
THAT WAS A PRETTY TERRIFYING PERSON TOO.
THE IMAGE OF "KAITOU X"
IS NOTHING BUT A CONVENIENT IDOL FOR THE WORLD.
THOSE THAT ARE HIS OPPONENTS...
WILL SOONER OR LATER
BE INVITED TO THE WORLD OF TRUE "EVIL"!!

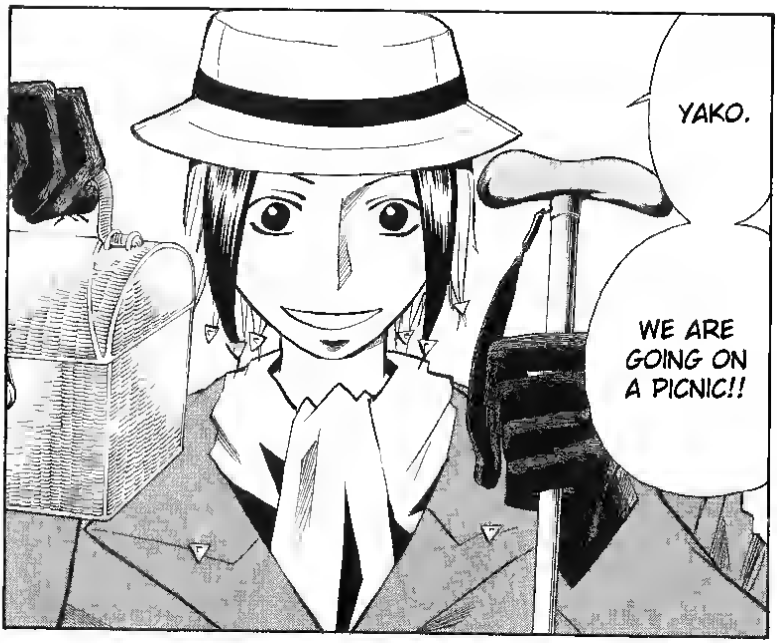

THIS WINTER WAS SO WARM THAT IT THREW OFF MY SENSE OF WHAT SEASON IT WAS.
YEAH.
HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S SPRING ALREADY...


SINCE IN YOUR CASE, YOU HAD TO BRING A HUGE AMOUNT OF FOOD ALONG.
YEAH...
IT'S THE SEASON FOR SCHOOL TRIPS, HUH.
I LIKED THEM, BUT THEY NEVER WENT WELL.

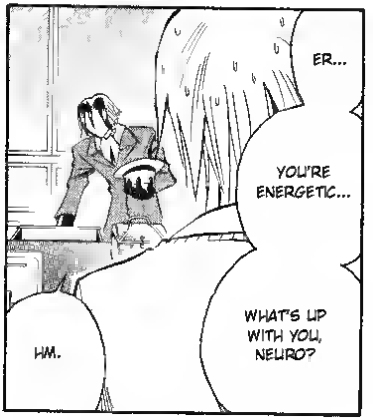
SINCE OUR HIGHSCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE THOSE KINDS OF SERIOUS TRIPS...
WELL.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
I HAVEN'T BEEN LURED INTO THE OUTDOORS LIKE THAT IN A WHILE.
YEP.


WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I COULDN'T STUFF IT ALL IN MY PACK...
SO I'D THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD LOAD UP A CART WITH AS MUCH AS I COULD AND TAKE IT ALL WITH ME.

SO IT WOULDN'T BE AN ANNOYANCE LIKE THAT
THE NEXT YEAR, I SENT IT BY COURIER TO THE MOUNTAIN PEAK WE WERE HEADING FOR....
IT SPOILED THE MOOD OF THE TRIP FOR EVERYBODY.


YAKO.
WE ARE GOING ON A PICNIC!!

I FOUND THIS IN THE NEWS.
THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO GO.


ER...
YOU'RE ENERGETIC...
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, NEURO?
HM.

山村の森林で
火山性有毒ガス発生
二日間で重体4名
FOUR PEOPLE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS...?
A TOXIC GAS EMITTED FROM THE FOREST BY A MOUNTAIN VILLAGE.....
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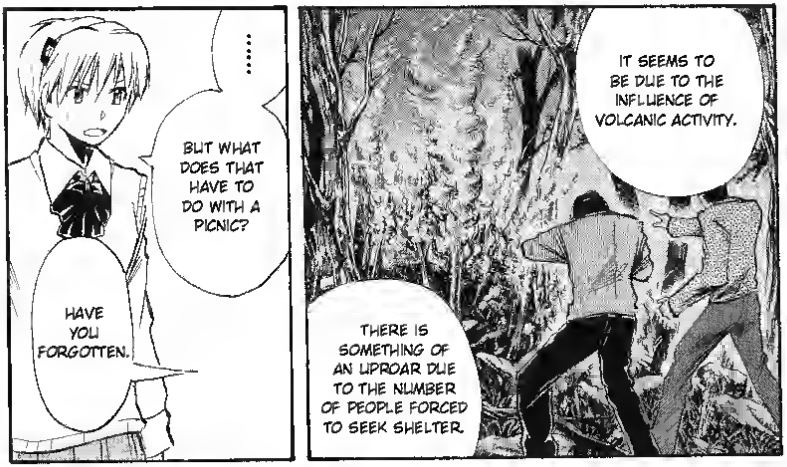
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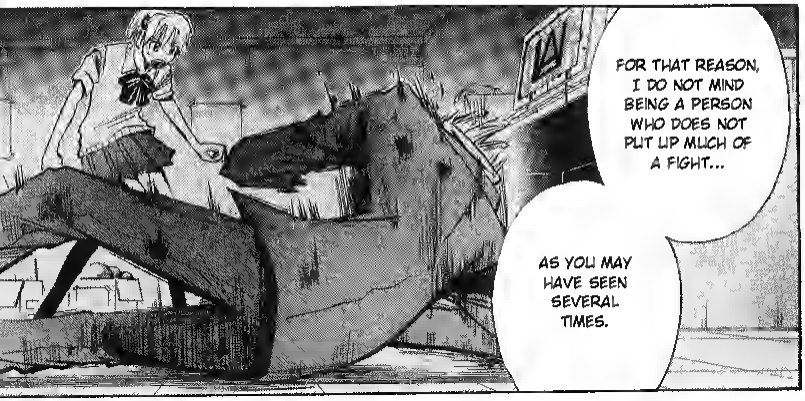
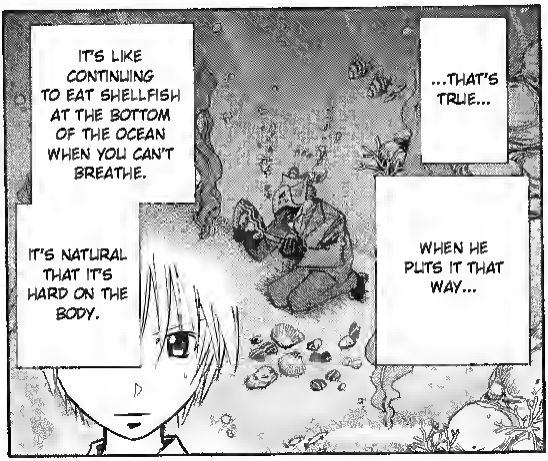
BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH A PICNIC?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN.
IT SEEMS TO BE DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF VOLCANIC ACTIVITY.
THERE IS SOMETHING OF AN UPROAR DUE TO THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FORCED TO SEEK SHELTER.

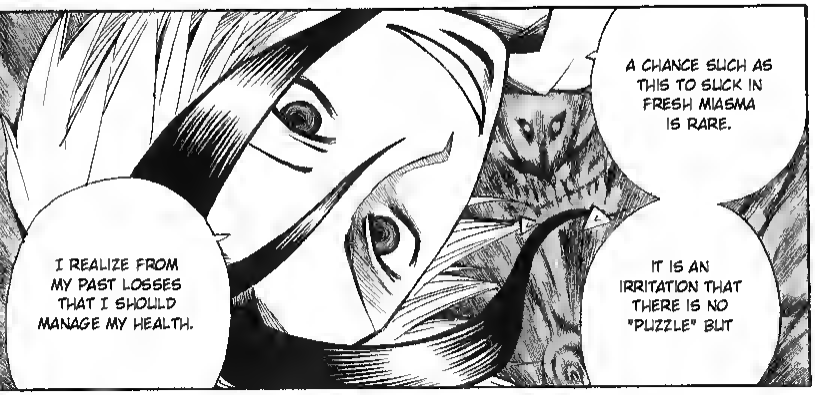
MUCH THE SAME AS THE SOURCE OF THE HOT SPRINGS THAT WE VISITED BEFORE...
THAT IS TO SAY...
PLACES THAT ARE HARMFUL TO YOU ARE BENEFICIAL TO ME.
THEY HAVE MIASMA.

MIASMA...
MIASMA SEEMS TO BE LIKE HIS OXYGEN.
IF "PUZZLES" ARE HIS FOOD...
AS A HUMAN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF BUT
THE MIASMA ON EARTH IS FAR THINNER THAN IN THE DEMON WORLD
AND THIS SEEMS TO MAKE NEURO SUFFER.
ON EARTH, THE LACK OF MIASMA MAKES THIS BODY WEAK...
I AM FORCIBLY STRENGTHENING IT WITH A VAST AMOUNT OF DEMONIC ENERGY BUT
WHEN THAT DEMONIC ENERGY RUNS OUT
MY BODY WILL SADLY WEAKEN.
THE SOURCE OF MY DEMONIC POWER
LIKE-WISE,
MIASMA IS THE SOURCE OF MY PHYSICAL POWER.
WHEN DEPRIVED OF IT, A DEMON'S PHYSICAL BODY WILL NOT HOLD TOGETHER.


FOR THAT REASON, I DO NOT MIND BEING A PERSON WHO DOES NOT PUT UP MUCH OF A FIGHT...
AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN SEVERAL TIMES.

I HAVE EXPERIENCE TRYING THIS, SO I KNOW.


IT'S LIKE CONTINUING TO EAT SHELLFISH AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN WHEN YOU CAN'T BREATHE.
IT'S NATURAL THAT IT'S HARD ON THE BODY.
...THAT'S TRUE...
WHEN HE PUTS IT THAT WAY...


A CHANCE SUCH AS THIS TO SUCK IN FRESH MIASMA IS RARE.
I REALIZE FROM MY PAST LOSSES THAT I SHOULD MANAGE MY HEALTH.
IT IS AN IRRITATION THAT THERE IS NO "PUZZLE" BUT

I UNDERSTAND. I'LL KEEP YOU COMPANY.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE AFTER, RIGHT?
IF THE LOCALS ARE BEING KEPT AWAY, I'LL COME UP WITH SOME APPROPRIATE CAMOUFLAGE.
YOU WON'T .....
..... HM.
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EVEN THOUGH I WAS UNDERSTANDING THIS TIME!!
WHY?
AND YOU'RE STILL THREATENING ME WITH THAT "YOU WON'T?"!!
...CH'.
YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.
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PIG
AND BESIDES, WHY'S THE MAIN PERSON OF THE OFFICE ON THE LUGGAGE RACK.
...I CAN'T SEE THE WAY SHE'S TIED UP AS SOMETHING THAT 'CANNOT BE HELPED.'
IT CANNOT BE HELPED, DUE TO THE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.
WHAT IS WITH THIS BROKEN-DOWN VEHICLE.
IT IS FAR TOO CRAMPED.
HEY, YOU'RE THE ONE THAT BOUGHT IT.
IT IS NOT MY PARTICULAR FIELD.
..... HMM, WELL.
I LEAVE HANDLING SUCH THINGS TO THE SLAVE BEHIND US.
HAVE YOU HEARD THE STORIES ABOUT...
..... BY THE WAY.
THAT DETECTIVE, SASAZUKA?
...HUH...
WHATEVER.
...WELL....

IF WE WENT BY TRAIN OR BUS IT'D BE LONGER.
HEY, WE'RE HERE.
AN ISLAND OF SOLITUDE AMONG THE HILLS.
FOUR HOURS FROM TOKYO.

THANKS, NOW GO HOME.
COME BACK TO PICK US UP TOMORROW MORNING AFTER OUR ONE NIGHT'S STAY.
IF YOU ARE LATE, I WILL CARVE A WRINKLE THAT WILL NOT DISAPPEAR, FOR THE EXACT NUMBER OF SECONDS YOU ARE LATE.
IT'S PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME

I'D LIKE TO LIVE HERE AND LET MY EYEBROWS RELAX...
TAKING IT EASY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IN YOUR OLD AGE...
IT'D BE REALLY NICE

I GUESS THERE HAS TO BE POISON GAS SPEWING OUT SOMEWHERE...
SINCE, FIRST OF ALL, IT SEEMS LIKE NOBODY'S COMING OUTSIDE IN THIS VILLAGE.
REALLY.
WHEW ...
ZOOO...

AH, YOU OVER THERE.
EXCUSE ME...
WHERE IS THE MIASMA.
...AND?
HANG ON, I'LL ASK SOMEBODY.
HNNNNH...
HUH.
MORE STRANGERS.
WELCOME?
THEY'RE HAVING A WELCOME FOR Y'ALL.
WHAT A PAIN.
EVERYBODY'S COMING HERE OUT OF CURIOSITY TO SEE IT.
YEAH YEAH, PROBABLY HERE ABOUT THE GAS, RIGHT.
UM...

WELL...
OFF WE GO.
NOOOOO~~~

THERE'S NOBODY TO HELP YOU IN THE MOUNTAINS
WHERE-EVER YOU'RE THINKING OF GOING ...
UHHH...
UUUUHH...
UHHH...
WHEN NIGHT COMES, YOU'LL BE ALL ALONE
I
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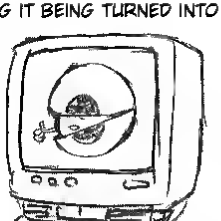
I AM YOUR OPPONENT
NEURO.
AND THE PLAN I GOT FROM X...
WILL BE JUST THE THING I NEED.

CELEBRATING IT BEING TURNED INTO AN ANIME!!



THANKS TO ALL YOU READERS AND
EVERYONE INVOLVED

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JUST BY LOOKING AT THIS, AS IT PASSES THROUGH MY RETINAS...
I CAN COMPREHEND EVERYTHING ABOUT LEECH'S PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
IT'S FROM LEECH, SEE.
HE'S SENDING INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT MOMENT, TURNED INTO A PROGRAM.
IT'S A FUNCTION GRANTED BY THE ELECTRONIC DRUG.
"HAL'S EYE" IS AMAZING.
YES...
THE SORT OF PLACE THAT NEURO IS IN.
I CAN UNDERSTAND FAR MORE CLEARLY THAN BY HEARING IT OVER THE PHONE

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WHAT WONDERFULLY FRESH MIASMA.
SUCH A REVITALIZING FEELING.
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NOW THEN... PERHAPS I SHALL READ A BOOK OR SOMETHING.
IS THAT SO.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT "IS THAT SO" !!
WHAT IS IT.
NEURO.
WHILE I AM OCCUPIED WITH ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS.
NEURO!!
IT'S COMING.
I'M ALREADY...
WISPS OF GAS ARE DRIFTING OVER HERE.
GETTING DIZZY.
SUCH IS THE BENEFIT OF
LOOK.
AT HOW LIVELY THE DEMON WORLD INSECT IS.
THE DEMON WORLD'S ATMOSPHERE, THAT CANNOT BE DETECTED BY HUMANS.

SINCE THIS KIND OF POISONOUS GAS CAN ONLY HURT HUMANS...
I'M BEGGING YOU, LET'S JUST GO BACK ALREADY~~...
I MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE THE CHANCE TO TAKE SUCH A DEEP BREATH EVEN ONCE IN A YEAR.
SO WHY AM I INVOLVED!?
NEURO?
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SO NOISY.
AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS HERE WILL...
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ASIDE FROM THE MIASMA IN THIS VILLAGE...
...I SEE
IT SEEMS THERE IS A LITTLE BONUS THAT I WAS NOT EXPECTING.
VERY WELL, GO LOOK FOR LODGING, YAKO.
.....
VILLAGE YOUTH
OOSUGA YORI
SO...
I THINK IT'S STILL SAFE HERE.
I HEARD ...
THE POISONOUS GAS IS COMING FROM THE WESTERN HALF OF THE VILLAGE.

OH...
EVEN MORE PEOPLE CAME TO THE VILLAGE AFTER US.
IN FOLKLORE, IT WAS SAID TO BE RUIN CAUSED BY A NINE-TAILED FOX.
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT STONES THAT KILLED PEOPLE, YES?
STORIES OF PEOPLE THAT PASSED IN FRONT OF A STONE AND DIED, ONE AFTER ANOTHER.
GEOLOGIST
GONNO JUUPEI
THERE'S A PRECEDENT FOR THIS HAVING HAPPENED IN THE PAST.
BUT IT'S RARE TO SEE THE GAS ERUPT IN THE SCALE IT IS THIS TIME.
POISONOUS GAS INCLUDING HYDROGEN SULFIDE AND ARENSIC AND OTHER THINGS WAS GUSHING OUT.
THE TRUTH IS THAT IN THE VICINITY OF THAT STONE..

AND BESIDES, MY COMPETITION GETTING SENT TO THE HOSPITAL?
IS ALL THANKS TO OUR GREAT LORD, THE NINE-TAILED FOX!!
MORE AND MORE JUST KEEPS ERUPTING ON A GRAND SCALE.
SINCE THERE WERE A LARGE NUMBER OF VICTIMS, THE PHOTOS ARE VALUABLE, TOO.
CAMERAMAN
IIZUNA AKIRA
HM.
IT SEEMS HE FORCIBLY DRAGGED A WOMAN ALONG WITH HIM.
MY GOODNESS, WHAT A SELFISH MAN.
!!
HEY, C'MON, LET'S GO HOME. I DON'T WANNA BE IN A DANGEROUS VILLAGE LIKE THIS ONE.
YOU TOLD ME WE'D JUST BE GOING FOR A DRIVE.
SO NOISY, SHUT UP AND JUST KEEP ME COMPANY!!
AQUAINTANCE
MORINAGA KURIKO
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THE POISONOUS GAS...
EXCEPT TO GIVE OFFERINGS TO THE NINE-TAILED FOX.

WHAT KIND OF RUMORS ARE BEING SPREAD
ER...
THAT I'M BEING FEARED AS A YOUKAI IN THE REGION.
QUICKLY, OFFER HER SOME FOOD!!
UWAAA, KATSURAGI YAKO IS HERE!!
!!
THEY SAY SHE'LL EVEN EAT PEOPLE IF SHE'S HUNGRY!!
I'M OUT OF SMOKES, SO I'M TAKING SOME!!
HEY.
THER'S NOT MUCH FOR FACILITIES YOU CAN STAY IN, OTHER THAN THIS MEETING PLACE.
IN THIS VILLAGE...
ALTHOUGH WITH THIS NUMBER OF PEOPLE IT'LL BE PRETTY TIGHT.
CONVENIENCE STORE OWNER
INARIYAMA KAYOKO

GET ALL OF THEM OUT OF THIS VILLAGE!!
VILLAGE LANDOWNER
SATOZAKI TOSHIO
THIS PLACE IS INFESTED WITH STRANGERS.
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AH... MR. SATOZAKI.
DON'T YOU FORGET!!
ALL THE LAND IN THIS AREA BELONGS TO ME!!
SURELY ...
SINCE THE SUN HAS GONE DOWN, THERE'S NO REASON THEY CAN'T STAY.
AH...
IT'S THAT GUY FROM BEFORE.
KICK THEM OUT TOMORROW!!
OR ELSE THEY'LL ALL END UP DEAD FROM THE POSION GAS!!

THAT PERSON OWNS A LOT OF LAND IN THIS AREA.
HE'S GOT A FORCEFUL WAY OF LOANING OUT MONEY AND FARMING TOOLS.
AND THAT'S HOW THE VILLAGE'S PEOPLE ARE GRADUALLY HAVING THEIR LAND STOLEN AWAY FROM THEM.
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT OLD GUY~~.
ACTING LIKE HE'S SO GREAT.
...HEH HEH
SMALL, ISN'T IT.
ANY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT, HE SHOULD BE GOING AFTER SOME BIGGER DREAM.
HE JUST WANTS TO BE KING OF THIS LITTLE VILLAGE
WELL...
EVERYONE, IN ALL SENSES OF THE WORD
HAS JUST GIVEN UP.
A TREASURE TROVE OF RESEARCH MATERIALS ON MY OWN LAND.
IF I WAS HIM, IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST FEELING.
SUCH A WASTE.

NOW THEN...
I'LL GO GET YOUR MEALS AND FUTONS READY.
THIS VILLAGE HAS NOTHING BUT...
DO TRY TO MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
SINCE I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME NOW, I UNDERSTAND HIM FOR THE MOST PART.
NEURO DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING IN DETAIL ABOUT IT BUT

IS PROBABLY ...
BECAUSE HE FELT THE HINT OF A "PUZZLE" SOMEWHERE NEARBY.
HIS REASON FOR LEAVING A PLACE WHERE THE MIASMA IS THICK
AND INTENTIONALLY RETURNING TO NORMAL LODGINGS
THE "PUZZLE" BEFORE HIS EYES OVER MANAGING HIS HEALTH.
IT HAS TO BE A SERIOUS HUNGER TO GO THAT FAR.
HUNGER OVER BREATHING.
ULTIMATELY, NO MATTER WHEN IT IS, HE PICKS THE "PUZZLE" OVER MIASMA
THIS IS SERIOUS SADISM TOO!
MIASMA
HUNGER, DO NOT DRUP
AND THEN NO MATTER WHEN IT IS, HE DOESN'T FORGET TO HARASS ME.

IN THIS CASE...
LEECH IS QUITE QUALIFIED FOR THAT TASK.
IF I THINK THAT I WANT TO KILL NEURO...
FIRST, AS BAIT
I HAVE TO PREPARE A "PUZZLE"
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YOU BASTARD !!
AREN'T YOU GONNA LET GO OF ME!!
YOU HAVE SOME KINDA GRUDGE AGAINST ME, DOING THIS KINDA THING...
IN LEECH'S CASE, HE CAN CREATE A "PUZZLE"...
BY REACTING IMMEDIATELY TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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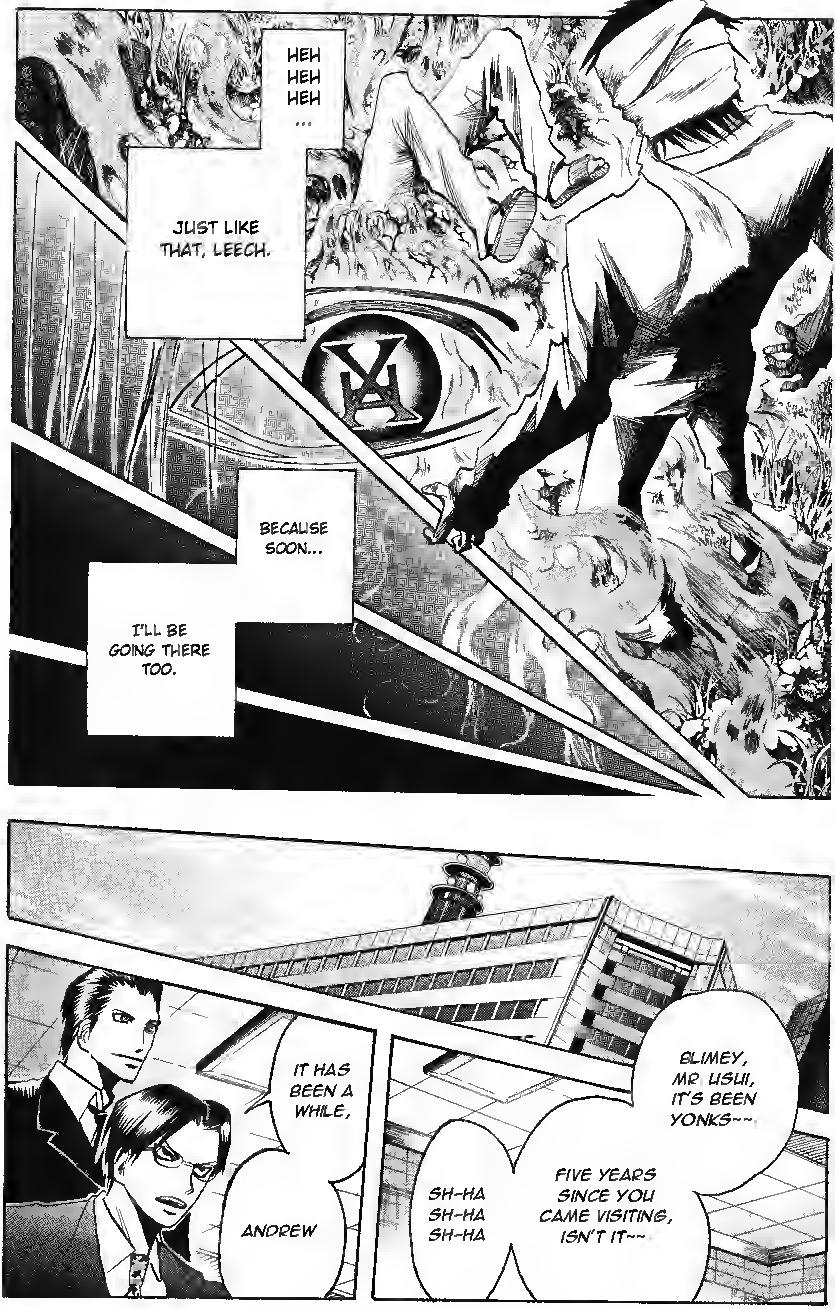
HEH
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HEH
...
JUST LIKE THAT, LEECH.
BECAUSE SOON...
I'LL BE GOING THERE TOO.
BLIMEY, MR. USUI, IT'S BEEN YONKS~~
FIVE YEARS SINCE YOU CAME VISITING, ISN'T IT~~
SH-HA SH-HA SH-HA
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, ANDREW

YOU'D BEEN STUDYING JAPANESE AT THE TIME, TOO
HMPH
QUITE SO
LET'S TRY SPEAKING FOR A BIT IN JAPANESE TO SEE HOW YOU'VE IMPROVED
パラパラ
CRIKEY~~
YOUR ENGLISH IS AS SMASHING AS EVER, MR. USUI~~
SH-HA SH-HA SH-HA
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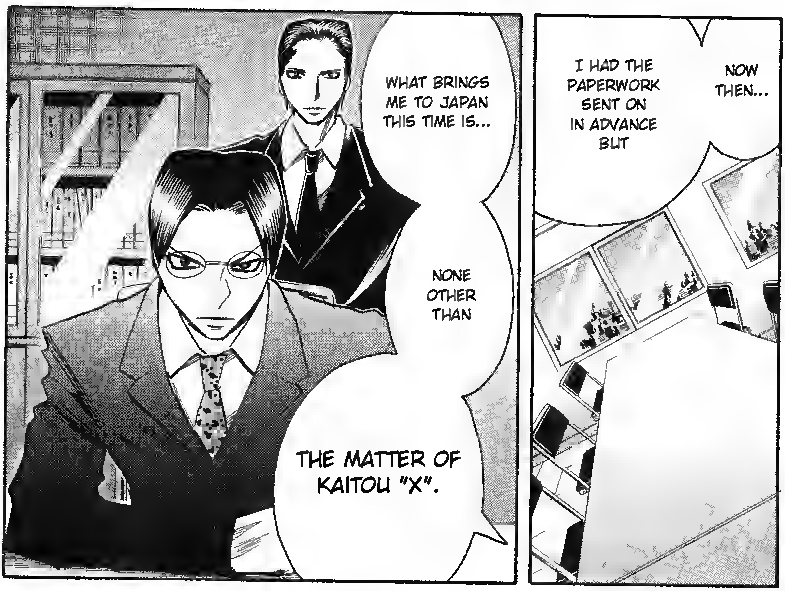
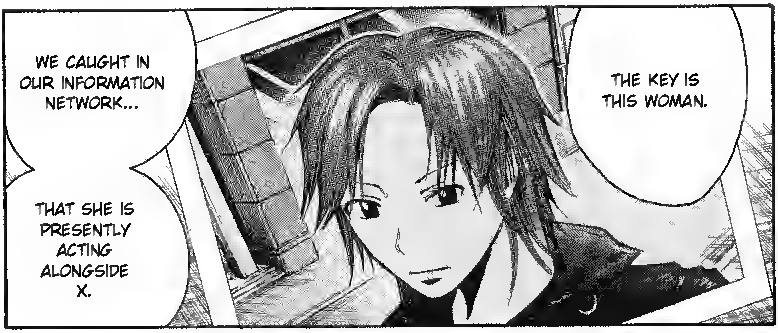
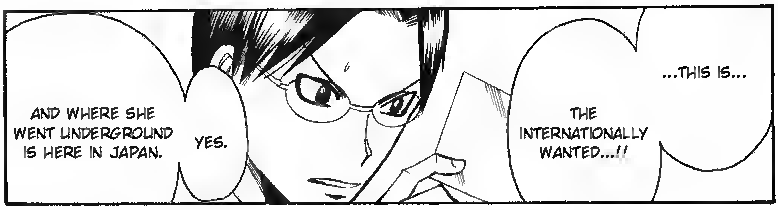
IMPROVED?
DON'T BE ABSURD, JAPANESE IS TOO ADVANCED FOR AN UNSOPHISTICATED LOT LIKE MYSELF.
THE AMOUNT AND ABUNDANCE OF VOCABULARY IS TOO MUCH...
I CAN'T YET EXPRESS THE SUBTLETIES OF DELICATE EMOTIONS
INTERPOL MEMBER
ANDREW SIXSON
...NO.
I'M BEGGING YOU, SPEAK JAPANESE.
HOW ABOUT IT?
WOULDN'T IT JUST BE SMOOTHER TO KEEP YAKKING IN ENGLISH?
IT'S PISS-POOR, SEE

SH-HA SH-HA SH-HA
WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE.
THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS.
BUT
YOUR WAY OF LAUGHING IS THE SAME AS EVER.
I'D BE ABLE TO TELL IT WAS YOU RIGHT AWAY, NO MATTER WHAT LANGUAGE YOU'RE SPEAKING.


WHAT BRINGS ME TO JAPAN THIS TIME IS...
NONE OTHER THAN
THE MATTER OF KAITOU "X".
NOW THEN...
I HAD THE PAPERWORK SENT ON IN ADVANCE BUT


WE CAUGHT IN OUR INFORMATION NETWORK...
THAT SHE IS PRESENTLY ACTING ALONGSIDE X.
THE KEY IS THIS WOMAN.


AND WHERE SHE WENT UNDERGROUND IS HERE IN JAPAN.
YES.
...THIS IS...
THE INTERNATIONALLY WANTED...!!

KAITOU "X"
LET'S CATCH HIM THIS TIME...
WITH OUR OWN HANDS.

I IMAGINE THAT WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG, THAT OLD LADY WAS SO SWEET-LOOKING.

CHAPTER 109 遭【ENCOUNTER】

TRANSLATION: ANONYMOUS EDITING: ANONYMOUS CLEANING: ANONYMOUS UNTRIBUTE FREELY UNTIL LICENSED TRANSLATIONS EXIST ANONYMOUS DOES NOT FORGIVE!

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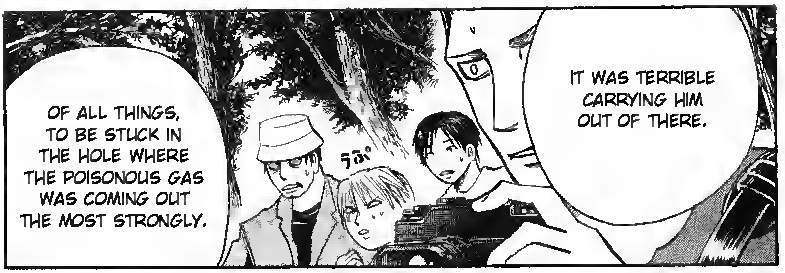
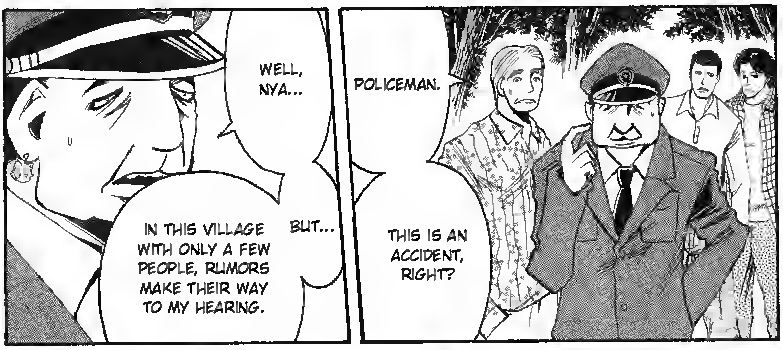
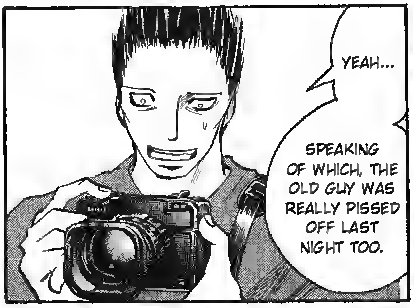
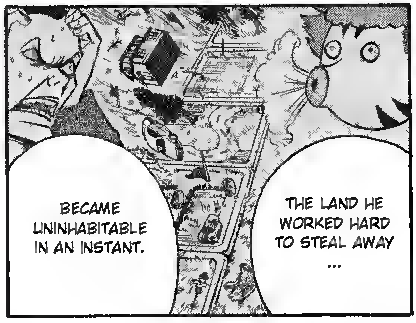
NEURO'S BREAKFAST HAD BEEN MADE.
WHEN WE OPENED OUR EYES...
THINKING "COULD IT BE", EVERYONE WENT LOOKING FOR HIM.
WE WENT TO HIS HOUSE, BUT HE WASN'T THERE SO...
WHEN HE WAS DISCOVERED ...
HE WAS IN RIGOR MORTIS AS YOU CAN SEE HERE.

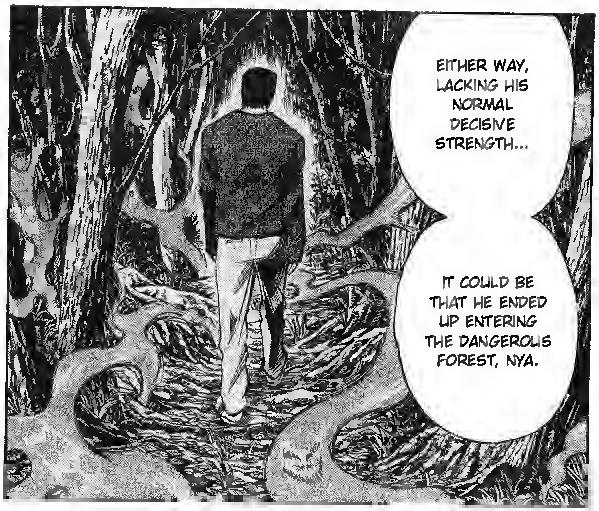

OF ALL THINGS, TO BE STUCK IN THE HOLE WHERE THE POISONOUS GAS WAS COMING OUT THE MOST STRONGLY.
IT WAS TERRIBLE CARRYING HIM OUT OF THERE.


WELL, NYA...
IN THIS VILLAGE WITH ONLY A FEW PEOPLE, RUMORS MAKE THEIR WAY TO MY HEARING.
BUT...
POLICEMAN.
THIS IS AN ACCIDENT, RIGHT?

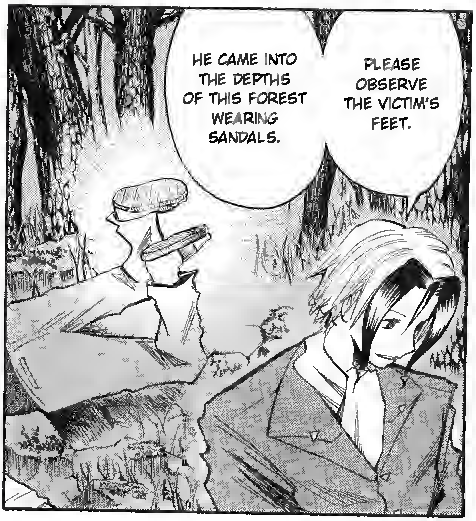

YEAH...
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THE OLD GUY WAS REALLY PISSED OFF LAST NIGHT TOO.

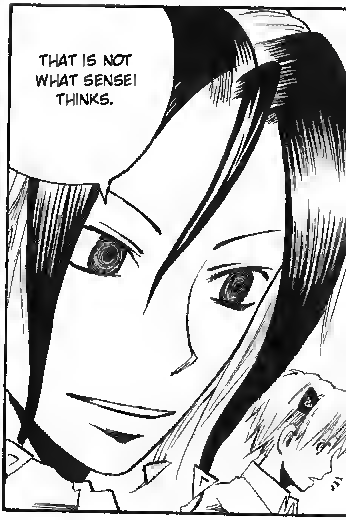

BECAME UNINHABITABLE IN AN INSTANT.
THE LAND HE WORKED HARD TO STEAL AWAY ...

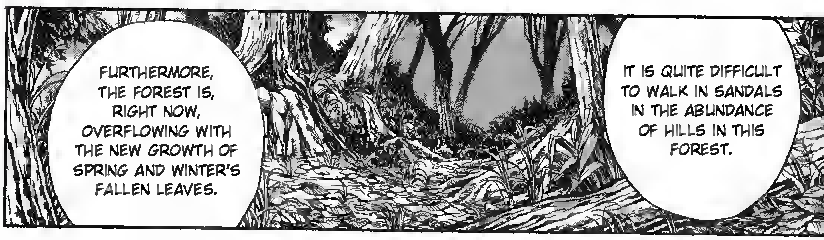
SEEMED TO BE COMING AROUND A LOT DUE TO THE GAS INDICENT, NYA.
THE OWNER OF A LARGE AMOUNT OF LAND, MR. SATOZAKI
BECAUSE OF THE MESS THIS NATURAL PHENOMENON MADE OF HIS OWN LAND.

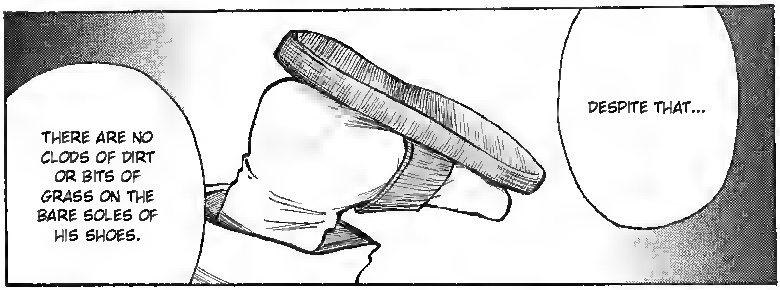

EITHER WAY, LACKING HIS NORMAL DECISIVE STRENGTH...
IT COULD BE THAT HE ENDED UP ENTERING THE DANGEROUS FOREST, NYA.

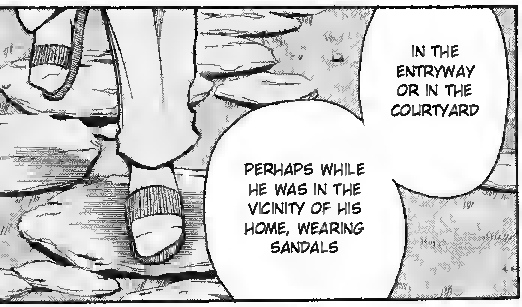
MAYBE WITH THAT, HIS LIFE BECAME MEANINGLESS
OR HE WAS SIMPLY CHECKING OUT THE CONDITION OF THE LAND.

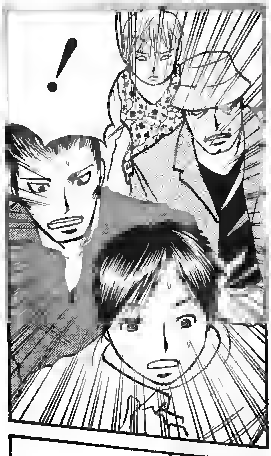

HE CAME INTO THE DEPTHS OF THIS FOREST WEARING SANDALS.
PLEASE OBSERVE THE VICTIM'S FEET.


THAT IS NOT WHAT SENSEI THINKS.


FURTHERMORE, THE FOREST IS, RIGHT NOW, OVERFLOWING WITH THE NEW GROWTH OF SPRING AND WINTER'S FALLEN LEAVES.
IT IS QUITE DIFFICULT TO WALK IN SANDALS IN THE ABUNDANCE OF HILLS IN THIS FOREST.


THERE ARE NO CLODS OF DIRT OR BITS OF GRASS ON THE BARE SOLES OF HIS SHOES.
DESPITE THAT...


IN THE ENTRYWAY OR IN THE COURTYARD
PERHAPS WHILE HE WAS IN THE VICINITY OF HIS HOME, WEARING SANDALS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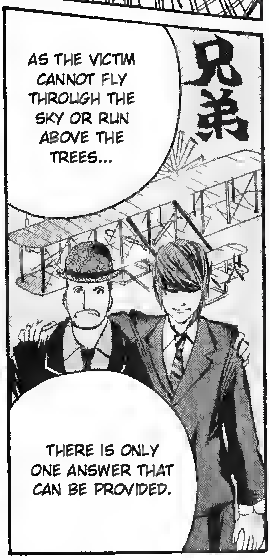
AND CARRIED HIM THERE ON HIS BACK.
SOMEONE KIDNAPPED THE VICTIM...


AS THE VICTIM CANNOT FLY THROUGH THE SKY OR RUN ABOVE THE TREES...
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THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER THAT CAN BE PROVIDED.

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SOMEONE MURDERED HIM!!
IN SHORT..

..NEURO.
YOU'RE IN LOW SPIRITS.

YEAH.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT CHANGES EVERYTHING!!
HURRY UP AND CALL A DOCTOR TO GET THE TIME OF DEATH...
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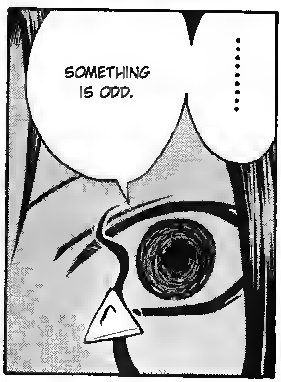
SOMETHING IS ODD.
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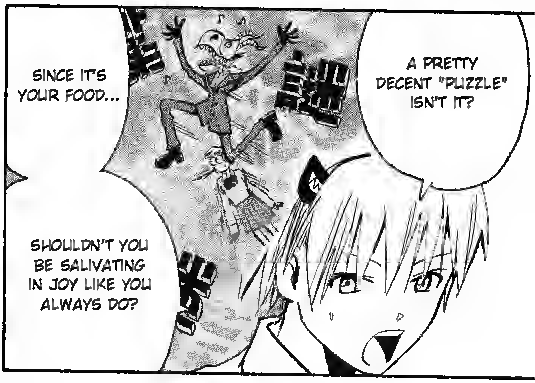
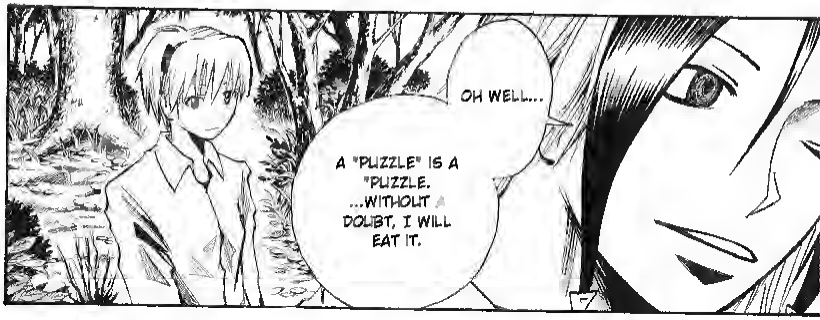
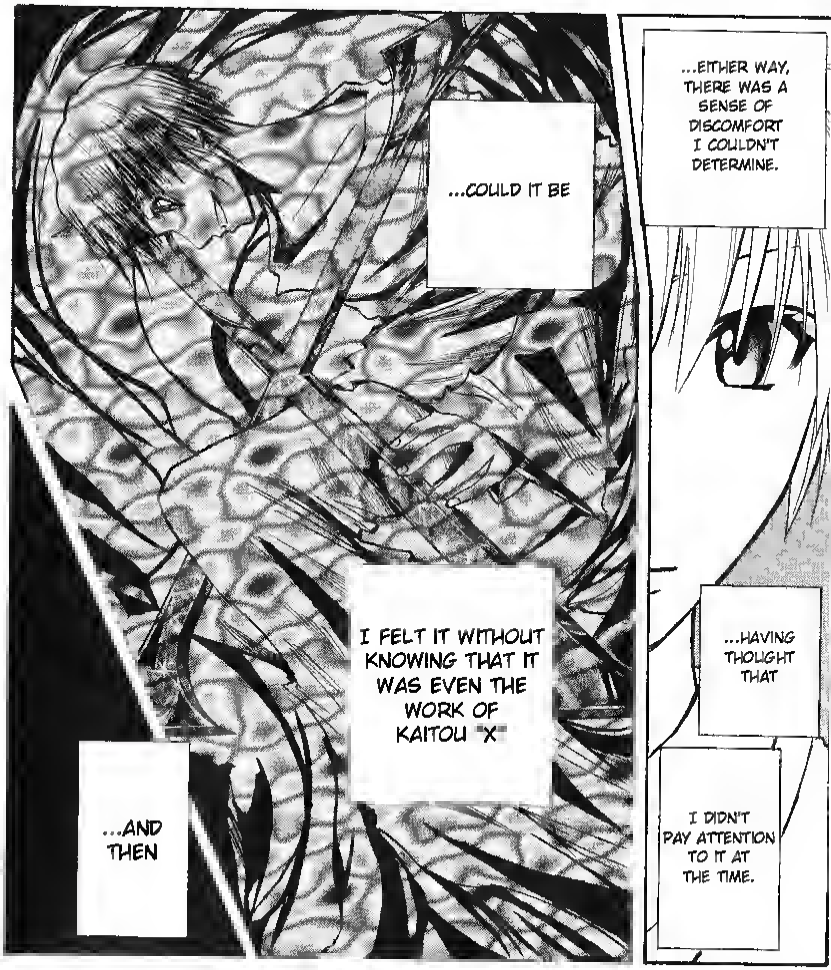

SINCE IT'S YOUR FOOD...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE SALIVATING IN JOY LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO?
A PRETTY DECENT "PUZZLE" ISN'T IT?

JUST LIKE...
A CULTIVATED PUZZLE.
IT IS WITHOUT A DOUBT A "PUZZLE" BUT...
...ODD?
IT STINKS OF THE UNNATURAL.
.....CULTIVATED?
THE EVIL INTENT REMAINING ON THIS BODY IS TERRIBLY IMPURE.
...THAT IS THE SORT OF IMPRESSION I GET FROM IT.
A "PUZZLE" CREATED WITHOUT MURDEROUS INTENT, SIMPLY TO CREATE A "PUZZLE".
A CLEAR GRUDGE AGAINST THE PERSON, AND SO ON...
IF THE MURDER IS TO GRANT ONE'S OWN DESIRES
AN EVIL INTENT OF HIGH PURITY ALWAYS REMAINS THERE


OH WELL...
A "PUZZLE" IS A "PUZZLE. ...WITHOUT A DOUBT, I WILL EAT IT.


...EITHER WAY, THERE WAS A SENSE OF DISCOMFORT I COULDN'T DETERMINE.
...COULD IT BE
...HAVING THOUGHT THAT
I DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION TO IT AT THE TIME.
I FELT IT WITHOUT KNOWING THAT IT WAS EVEN THE WORK OF KAITOU "X"
...AND THEN

THAT KIND OF TERRIBLE ATTACK...
THAT THIS TIME, X WOULD HAVE...
WITHOUT KNOWING WE HAD BEEN SET UP.
ALSO KNOWN AS "PLANE-CRASHER" IMINA.
IMINA...
A NATIONALIST TERRORIST WHO PERFORMED DESTRUCTIVE ACTS ON HER COUNTRY'S ORDERS.
SHE WAS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE AMONG THEM.

ACCORDINGLY, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ASSASSINATED...
IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, THE WEALTHY, GREAT THINKERS, IS UNKNOWN.
THE NUMBER OF PLANES THAT SHE IS SAID TO HAVE CRASHED IS UNKNOWN.
AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGES OF THE WORLD
SHE HAD EVERY DESTRUCTIVE AND ENGINEERING SKILL
SUDDENLY ALL NEWS OF HER WAS CUT OFF.
...AND AT A SINGLE POINT IN TIME
SHE WAS BROUGHT UP WIT THE HIGHEST EDUCATION, A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST QUALITIES...
IT'S INCORRECT TO THINK OF HER AS A GENERAL TERRORIST.
AN ELITE AMONG THE ELITE.
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THEN, RECENTLY, FROM THE INFORMATION WE'VE COLLECTED
IN ALL THE PLACES THAT X COMMITTED CRIMES ALL OVER THE WORLD
SHE WAS SIGHTED AT MANY OF THEM.

EXACTLY, JUST AS I'D EXPECT FROM MR. LISLI!!
BUT...
WHY HER?

I SEE.
IF HER SHADOW FOLLOWS HIM...
WE MAY BE ABLE TO CATCH THE SHADOW OF X, WHO CAN FREELY CHANGE HIS SHAPE.

THAT IS UNCLEAR.
WHY SHE MET WITH X
AND HOW SHE CAME TO WORK ALONGSIDE HIM.

THANK YOU FOR FLYING WITH US TODAY
THIS IS FLIGHT 452 DEPARTING MANILA, EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO IN 11 HOURS...

THE PEOPLE I SEE EACH TIME I LEAVE THE COUNTRY...
MAKE ME NOTICE THAT EVERYONE HAS CONTRADICTIONS AND SO ON IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY'S POLITICAL SYSTEM

MIND IF I SQUEEZE BY?
...GO AHEAD

DOES IT MEAN ANYTHING
BUT
BUT
A HUMAN WHO IS SUPERIOR IN MY OWN COUNTRY
I MAY BE...
DOES IT MEAN ANYTHING
MY OWN ABILITIES ARE OUTSTANDING
EVEN WHEN YOU REMAIN NEUTRAL ABOUT IT AND COMPARE GENDER, CLASS, EVERYTHING...
STUPID RULERS STIR UP AND CONTROL A STUPID POPULACE
WHICHEVER COUNTRY YOU'RE IN...
THERE'S NO REAL DIFFERENCE

NOTHING MORE THAN ONE'S OWN BLIND FAITH
HIDING WEAKNESS AND SHOWING FALSE STRENGTH
FEARING ONE'S NEIGH-BORS
PEOPLE ARE THE SAME, TOO
HOLY, POOR, OR OTHERWISE, THERE'S NO REAL DIFFERENCE
IN THE END, WE'RE ALL HUMAN
THERE'S NO REAL DIFFER-ENCE
RACE
MANKIND
GOVERN-MENT
IF WE CAN'T FLY THROUGH THE SKY...
THERE'S NO REASON TO NOT DIE
NORTH AND SOUTH AND EAST AND WEST, BLACK AND WHITE AND RED AND BLUE EVERYONE'S THE SAME
IN THE END, HUMANS WITH LIMITATIONS

AND SO I JUST CALMLY PERFORM THE DUTY IN FRONT OF ME
SO HUMANS, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, ARE ALL THE SAME
IN DESPAIR THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER POSSIBILITIES
THIS MOURNFUL WORLD THAT KNOWS ITS LIMITATIONS
AND CONTINUE TO TURN MY EYES AWAY FROM
OH, I SEE
YOU'RE SETTING UP POISON GAS INSIDE THE BLANKET YOU BORROWED, AREN'T YOU
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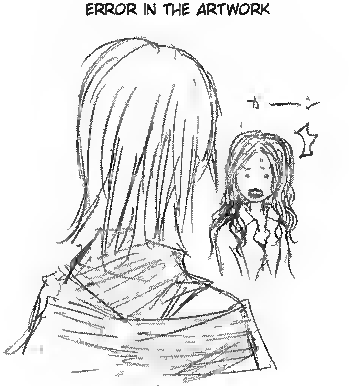
I'VE BEEN THE PILOT HERE BEFORE, SO I KNOW THAT
THE STORAGE SPACE FOR BLANKETS IN THIS TYPE OF PLANE...
SHOULD BE CONNECTED THROUGH THE VENTILATION DUCTS TO THE SEAT CONTROLS
THIS PLANE'S AUTOPILOT IS SUCH THAT...
EVEN IF THE PILOT DIES, IT CAN LAND
AND AS SOON AS IT LANDS, THE DIPLOMATIC MEETING WILL BEGIN
ARE YOU TARGETING SOMEONE ON THIS PLANE?
WHAT IS IT!?
AT TAKEOFF, THE PERSON BESIDE ME WAS AN OLD MAN..
NO!!

THE PERSON SITTING NEXT TO ME...
I DIDN'T NOTICE IT RIGHT AWAY!!
HOW MANY TIMES DID THEY CHANGE!?
I HAD ENCOUNTERED CHAOS
...HUH?
NOW WHAT FACE WAS IT I HAD WHEN I GOT ON AGAIN
AND ALONG WITH THAT THE HUMAN THAT SURPASSED HUMAN LIMITATIONS... KAITOU "X"

SHE'D BEEN THINKING IT WAS ALWAYS AN ERROR IN THE ARTWORK



I'D HEARD OF HIM
OH, I'VE HEARD OF YOU
STORIES OF AN ELUSIVE HOMICIDAL MANIAC WHO BEGAN CAUSING A STIR IN THE MEDIA RECENTLY
AND HE WAS CALLED...
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD BE HER
STORIES OF A WOMAN WITH A BEAUTIFUL TRACK RECORD AS A TERRORIST
CHAPTER 110
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KAITOU "X"
BY THE WAY
WHICH FACE DID I HAVE TO START WITH?

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WHAT SHOULD I DO
I FORGOT MYSELF AGAIN
AND DURING HIS TERRIBLE MURDERS AND THEFTS
HIS SHAPE HADN'T BEEN WITNESSED EVEN ONCE
WAS IT THIS ONE?
OR THIS ONE?
AHH, RIGHT, RIGHT
THIS ONE
ABOUT THAT...
A RESEARCHER HAD CREATED A FANTASTIC HYPOTHESIS
WHAT ABOUT LOOKING AT YOUR PASSPORT?
.....
YOU'RE SMART
OH, RIGHT

A NORMAL PERSON COULD JUST BECOME SOMEONE WHO WAS IN THE AREA
USING AN IMPROBABLE DISGUISE TECHNIQUE IT WAS NOT UNTHINKABLE THAT...
X FOR THE UNKNOWN
I FOR THE INVISIBLE
THE MEDIA GAVE HIM THE NAME FROM THAT
KILL
HIS NAME..
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THIS POISONOUS GAS HAS SUCH HIGH VOLATILITY THAT LESS THAN A HUNDRED GRAMS CAN KILL A THOUSAND PEOPLE
AND IT CAN BE MADE TO DIFFUSE FROM THE BLANKET OVER A PERIOD OF TIME
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THE POISON YOU'VE ATTACHED TO THE BLANKET IS
SOMAN, I THINK
MILITARY-GRADE
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
WHEN THE PURITY IS LOW, THERE'S A FAINT SWEET SMELL
WHEN IT'S TIGHTLY-SEALED, ODORLESS, COLORLESS, HOW DID YOU
THOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF NORMAL PEOPLE CAN SMELL IT
THE FLAWS IN THE DESIGN OF THE FUSELAGE AND OVERALL SYSTEM
WERE MADE USE OF VERY WELL
DID YOU COME UP WITH THIS?
THEY DON'T CLEAN THE BLANKETS UNTIL THE RETURN TRIP
IN THIS COMPANY'S PLANES
THOSE TAKING THE RETURN FLIGHT CAN BE KILLED WITHOUT RISK
IN OTHER WORDS, IF THIS WAS SET UP ON THIS FLIGHT
HE SAW RIGHT THROUGH EVERYTHING
.....
YES

I'M INTERESTED IN HUMANS LIKE YOU
BUT...
ARE YOU...
GOING TO REPORT ME?
INSIDE?
I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE YOU
NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE I COMPARE MYSELF TO, I DON'T KNOW WHO I AM INSIDE...
IF I LOOK AT YOU, PERHAPS I'LL KNOW
DISMANTLE YOUR BODY...
OBSERVE YOU AND COMPARE THE STRUCTURE OF YOU CELLS TO MY OWN
BUT...
I THINK EVEN IF YOU LOOK AT ME, YOU'LL SEE THE SAME THING
...SURE, GO AHEAD
I'VE BEEN PREPARED TO DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY

WITHIN OUR SET LIMITATIONS...
WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF WHAT WE CALL "HUMAN"
I, MYSELF, WILL BE THE SAME AS ANYBODY ELSE
IN THE END, THERE'S NO REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PEOPLE
EVERYONE'S THE SAME WHATEVER WE DO, WE'RE ALL THE SAME
...?
THE SAME THING?
YES I AM...
THE SAME AS ANYBODY ELSE?
I WON'T ALLOW IT
I WON'T LET YOU SAY THAT IN FRONT OF ME
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NOW THEN
IF YOU UNDERSTAND NOW THAT THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS TO HUMAN BEINGS
YOU'LL LET ME LOOK AT YOUR INSIDES TOO, RIGHT
THERE ARE LIMITATIONS?
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MAYBE THOSE ARE LIMITATIONS YOU CHOSE?
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GOOD WORK
COMRADE IMINA
WAS YOUR MISSION SUCCESSFUL?
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YEAH
IT WENT AS PLANNED
THE PLANE'S NEXT FLIGHT WILL BE ITS LAST
RIGHT...
WELL THEN, I HAVE ONE MORE THING TO SAY
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GOOD WORK

AND, COMRADE
YOUR HEAD WILL BE THE GIFT WE BRING THEM
DEFECTING TO THIS COUNTRY
WE'RE...
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THE DESTRUCTION YOU'VE CREATED ON YOUR OWN UP UNTIL NOW
AND OUR PART IN THAT CRIME OF DESTUCTION YOU CREATED
WILL DIE HERE IN A HAIL OF BULLETS
HMPH
THIS COUNTRY IS OUR COUNTRY NOW, AND ANYTHING ELSE IS AN EMBARRASSMENT
OUR REGISTRATION, NAMES FACES
WE'RE THROWING ASIDE EVERYTHING ABOUT OURSELVES AND GOING FORTH INTO A BRAND-NEW WORLD!!
YOU'RE BETRAYING YOUR COUNTRY?
!!

YOURSELF?
THROWING ASIDE...
YEAH!!
SAY GOODBYE TO THIS ROTTEN OLD ME, FINALLY!!
HUH?
IT'LL BE REFRESHING TO...
ALL OF YOU...
ARE THROWING ASIDE WHAT YOU HAVE OF YOURSELF
THAT MAKES ME ANGRY
WHILE I'M SEARCHING FOR WHO I AM INSIDE...

YOU BITCH, THAT'S THE BAG WITH THE POISON GAS ..
!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MISSION!?
IF YOU ARE,
ALL OF YOU...
I'LL DO YOU THE FAVOR OF KILLING YOU NOW
F-FIRE!!
DON'T LET EITHER OF THEM GET AWAY!!
WHILE YOU STILL HAVE YOUR INSIDES

HUMANS...
HAVE LIMITATIONS
EVERYONE IS THE SAME, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, WE'RE THE SAME

IF WE CAN'T FLY THROUGH THE SKY
THERE'S NO REASON TO NOT DIE
HUMANS...
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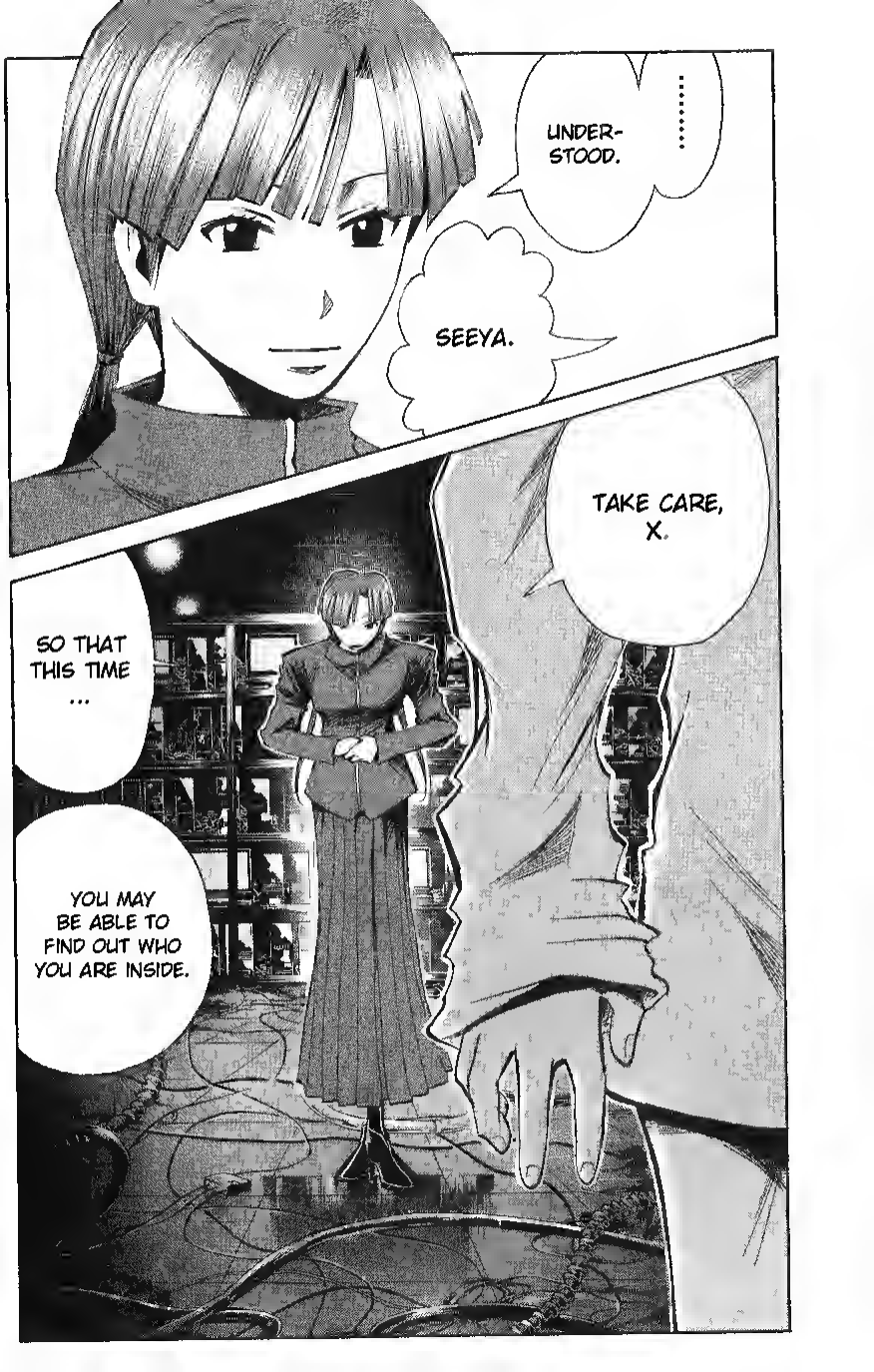
IT WON'T KILL ANYTHING EXCEPT MOLES
THE POISON GAS IS BURIED HERE
GOOD. HUH?
JUST A MOMENT AGO, RIGHT HERE
THE ME WHOSE HUMAN POTENTIAL WAS LIMITED
DIED ALONG WITH THEM
...I DON'T MIND
WHAT'S BECOME OF MY MISSION ..
BECAUSE WHICHEVER PATH I TAKE, I DIE HERE
THE PRESENT ME IS...
SOMEONE WHO KNOWS OF YOUR EXISTENCE
WELL THEN, YOU'LL FINALLY SHOW ME WHAT'S INSIDE YOU...
YEAH

KAITOU "X"
I WANT TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE INSIDE, TOO
WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU
WHAT ARE YOUR LIMITATIONS
I WANT TO SEE THEM TOO
I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE
UNTIL THEN
...HMMM...
WELL...
WHATEVER
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

AI WILL DO
FOR ME...
XI
DEAD AND DISAPPEARED, A PRESENCE THAT CANNOT BE SEEN
BY YOUR SIDE...
AI WILL DO
AI
...AI
AI!!
WAKE UP

WHEN I GET BACK, I WANT YOU TO MAKE ME SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO EAT.
IT'S BEEN FROGS EACH AND EVERY DAY.
IT'S UNUSUAL
...MY APOLOGIES.
TO CATCH YOU UNAWARE AND NAPPING.
BY THE WAY, WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT SO SUDDENLY?
I WOULDN'T DO THAT KIND OF THING, THAT'S ICKY.
HUH, I DID?
WHAT I LIKE IS CURRY.
.....
"I KNOW' THE REAL ME IS A PERSON WHO LOVES FROGS ~~!!"
BUT YOU SPEAK TO ME EVERY DAY WHEN YOU GO OUT.
ONE DAY YOU SAID YOU WERE VERY INTERESTED IN EATING THEM.
"OKAY, NOW THAT IT'S SETTLED, GIVE ME FROGS EVERY DAY."
DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE GOING TODAY?
AND YOU END UP FORGETTING THE FINE DETAILS OF THINGS.
YOUR BRAIN CELLS MUTATE...

THE "PUZZLE" THAT LEECH MADE WILL END UP BEING SOLVED SOON.
SINCE IT'S NEURO'S BRAIN...
...BUT THAT'S OKAY.
OF COURSE.
WHEN IT HAS TO DO WITH NEURO, I WON'T FORGET.
WHEN I ARRIVE IN THE VILLAGE...
EVERYTHING WILL BEGIN.
SO I'LL BRING BACK A SOUVENIR FOR YOU!!
AND YOU'LL MAKE ME SOMETHING OTHER THAN FROG AND WAIT FOR ME.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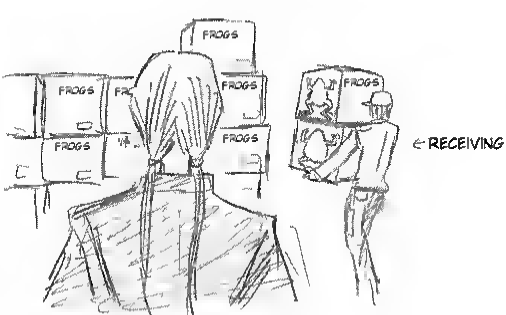

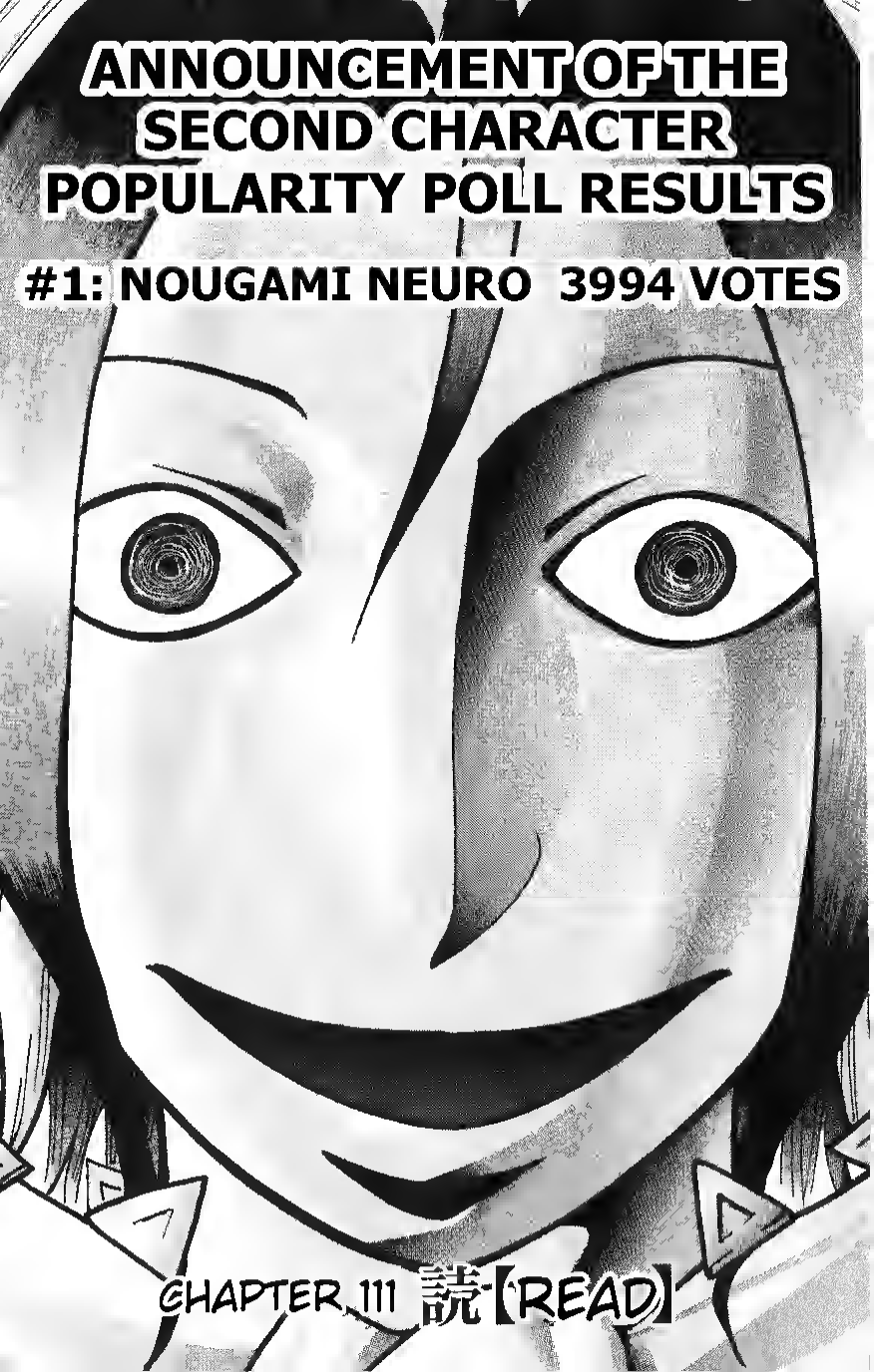
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECOND CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS
#1: NOUGAMI NEURO 3994 VOTES
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MAJIN TANTEI NOUGAMI NEURO

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECOND CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS

#2: KATSURAGI YAKO	3375 VOTES	#7: GODAI SHINOBU	954 VOTES
#3: HIGUCHI YUUYA	3233 VOTES	#8: HONJOU SETSUNA	906 VOTES
#4: SASAZUKA EISHI	1556 VOTES	#9: TSUKUSHI KOUHEI	725 VOTES
#5: KAITOU "X"	1435 VOTES	#10: MATSUI YUUSEI	694 VOTES
#6: USUI NAOHIRO	1364 VOTES		

THANK YOU FOR SO MANY RESPONSES. THE RESULTS FOR #11 AND BELOW ARE POSTED ON PAGE 104.

LAST NIGHT, THE PEOPLE OF THIS VILLAGE...
SPENT THAT TIME DIVIDED INTO TWO CLEAR AREAS.
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NOW THEN, LET US SET UP THE SITUATION.
INCLUDING US, THE PEOPLE WHO SPENT THE NIGHT ON THE WESTERN HALF OF THE VILLAGE.
THERE WERE THE PEOPLE WHO SPENT THE NIGHT ON THE EASTERN HALF OF THE VILLAGE AND...
INCLUDING THE ONE WHO FOUND THE BODY
AND THEN, THERE IS A RIVER BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST...
POLLUTED AREA
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EAST
AS THERE WERE ORIGINALLY FEW PEOPLE LIVING IN THE WESTERN PART
ONLY A SINGLE BRIDGE CROSSES IT.
MOST HAD, DUE TO THE COMMOTION OVER THE POISONOUS GAS, SOUGHT SHELTER EITHER IN THE EASTERN HALF OR OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE.

TRANSLATION: ANON/MOUS EDITING: ANON/MOUS CLEANING: ANON/MOUS DISTRIBUTE FREELY UNTIL LICENSED TRANSLATIONS EXIST. ANON/MOUS DOES NOT FORGIVE!

BECAUSE OF THE EMERGENCY CONDITIONS...
IT'S A PRECAUTION SO THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, THE NIGHT AND DAY SHIFTS CAN RESPOND QUICKLY, NYA.
LAST NIGHT I WAS COMPLETELY AWAKE.
AND BESIDE THE BRIDGE THERE'S A POLICE BOX.
THAT'S RIGHT, NYA.
BUT NOBODY CROSSED THE BRIDGE?
THAT'S RIGHT, NYA.
THE SCENE OF THE MURDER WAS DEEP WITHIN THE FOREST ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE VILLAGE.
AND THEN
DURING THE NIGHT, THERE WAS NO TRAFFIC FROM THE EASTERN SIDE.
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IF THAT IS SO, THE CRIMINAL IS FROM THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE VILLAGE.
...IN SHORT

...HEY NOW.
GIMME A BREAK...
THAT STAYED IN THIS SIMPLE INN.
IT WAS ONE OF US
...OHO.
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
IT'S CLEAR THAT ONLY THAT LADY IS NOT THE CRIMINAL.
SHE HAS TO GO SEE A DOCTOR BECAUSE HER LEGS ARE BAD.
YOU CAN SAY THAT, BUT IT WASN'T MRS. INARIYAMA.
AND BESIDES, IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR AN ELDERLY LADY TO CARRY OFF AN ADULT MAN.

AS ROUGHLY MIDNIGHT
GIVING AS AN ESTIMATE THE VICTIM'S TIME OF DEATH...
AND WENT INTO THE FOREST?
WAS THERE ANYONE THAT SNUCK OUT FROM OUR LODGING...
NOW THEN, A QUESTION FOR OUR INNKEEPER, MRS INARIYAMA, WHO IS CERTAINLY NOT THE CRIMINAL.
THAT'S QUITE TRUE.
...YES?
THIS IS WAY OVERTHINKING THIS MURDER.
...HEY...
FIRST OF ALL, NONE OF US HAVE ANY MOTIVE FOR KILLING HIM.
...PROBABLY NOT.
BECAUSE OF HOW THINGS ARE AROUND THE VILLAGE, I DIDN'T GET TO SLEEP UNTIL MORNING.
IF THERE HAD BEEN SOMEONE LEAVING FROM THE BACK DOOR OR THE ENTRANCE, I WOULD HAVE NOTICED IT.

AND A COUPLE, TOO.
IF I HAD TO CARRY SOMEONE OFF DEEP INSIDE THE FOREST, I'D PICK TWO PEOPLE OVER ONE.
WHAT!?
..SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW...
YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU TWO COULD HAVE BEEN PROVOKED, COULDN'T YOU?
IF YOU WERE INSULTED BY THAT OLD MAN'S DIRTY MOUTH...
WHA..
IF IT WAS AN INHABITANT OF THE AREA—
THEY'D PROBABLY HAVE AT LEAST A FEW GRUDGES AGAINST THAT LAND-SHARK OF A MAN
THE SAME COULD BE SAID FOR YOU.
AND PROBABLY KNOW THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE FOREST TOO.
IT COULD EVEN HAVE BEEN YOU.
YOU LIVE AND WORK AT THIS STORE, RIGHT?
EACH OF US HAVE A MOTIVE FOR IT.
IN SHORT...
..THAT'S TRUE.
I DID WANT TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVE THE POWER OF THE NINE-TAILED FOX'S POISONOUS GAS WAS ON HUMANS.

AS IT CANNOT BE DEMONSTRATED THAT THE CRIME WAS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE...
SOMEONE AMONG US HOLDS THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING THE CRIMINAL.
PRECISELY AS YOU SAY.
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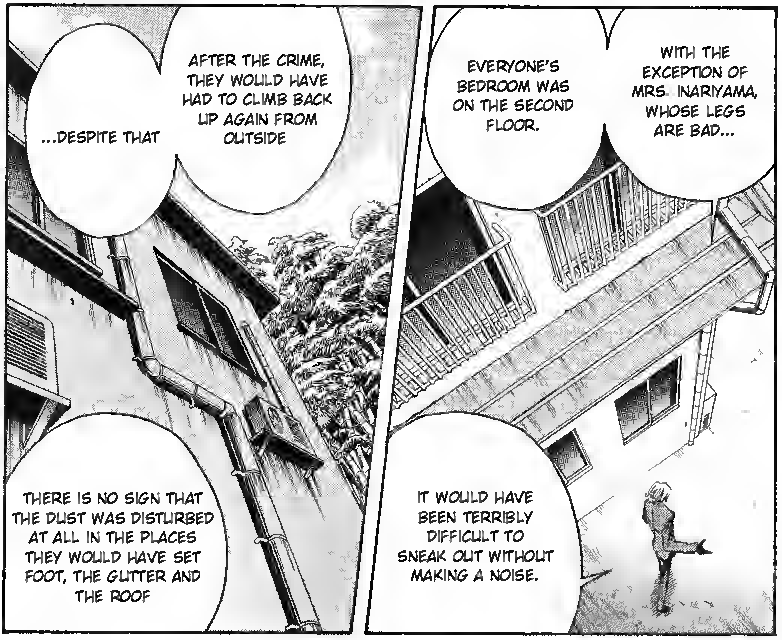
...DESPITE THAT
AFTER THE CRIME, THEY WOULD HAVE HAD TO CLIMB BACK UP AGAIN FROM OUTSIDE
THERE IS NO SIGN THAT THE DUST WAS DISTURBED AT ALL IN THE PLACES THEY WOULD HAVE SET FOOT, THE GUTTER AND THE ROOF
EVERYONE'S BEDROOM WAS ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MRS. INARIYAMA, WHOSE LEGS ARE BAD...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TERRIBLY DIFFICULT TO SNEAK OUT WITHOUT MAKING A NOISE.

IT IS AS IF THE CRIME WAS FLOWN IN FROM ABOVE.
THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON AMONG US...
WHO COULD DO THAT.
WHAT, NYA...
YOU KNOW ALREADY?
YOU CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE SENSEI!!
FROM NOT ONLY THE HOUSE LAYOUT BUT ALSO FROM THE MAP OF THE VILLAGE OUTSIDE
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IT IS SURPRISING, BUT TO MY REGRET OUR INVESTIGATION OF THIS ENTIRE CASE IS OVER.
ER...
ALREADY?
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..NOW THEN, SENSEI.

THE CRIMINAL IS...
BUT, ANDREW.
I CAN SEE THAT THIS WOMAN IS A CLUE SO THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH X.
THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS, WHERE IS THE WOMAN HERSELF.
SH-HA SH-HA SH-HA
.....!?
NOW THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
QUITE SO.
IT SEEMS AS THOUGH SHE CHANGES HIDEOUTS FREQUENTLY,MAKING HER FAIRLY HARD TO TRACE.
YOU HAVEN'T FOUND HER?

TSUKUSHI.
... SORRY.
BUT SINCE I KNOW HOW MUCH WORK MR. USUI HAS PUT IN.
THEN, THIS MAY BE RUDE OF ME, BUT...
WHY NOT LEAVE CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION IN JAPAN TO THE JAPANESE POLICE?
.....
I CAN'T IMAGINE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE...
ALL THIS INFORMATION, HAVING ONLY JUST VISITED YESTERDAY AND TODAY.
MR USUI IS SHOULDERING THE CORE OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTRY AGAINST X
YOU CAN SEE HERE THE INFORMATION HE'S ANALYZED AND DEALT WITH.
HUH?
.....
IS THAT SO.
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

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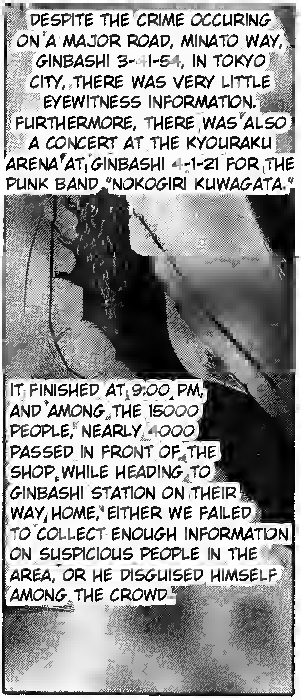
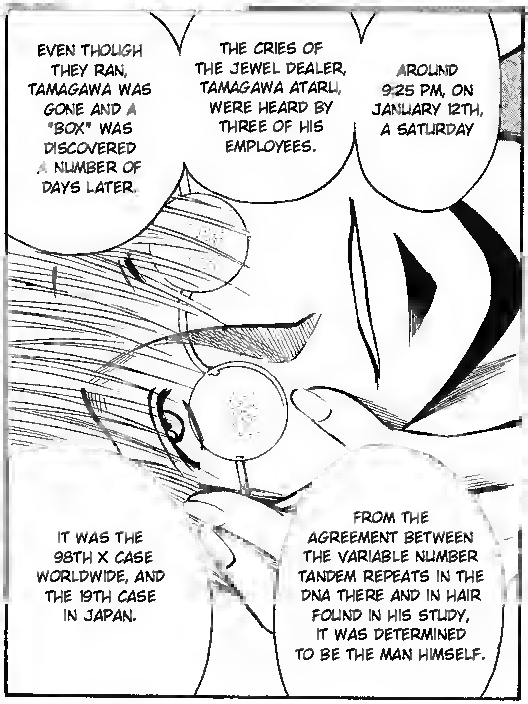
COUNTING FROM THE TOP, THE 678TH PAGE IS THE ABDUCTION AND MURDER CASE OF A JEWEL DEALER FOUR YEARS AGO.

MR. USUI.
GIVE ME AN APPROPRIATE THREE-DIGIT NUMBER


DESPITE THE CRIME OCCURING ON A MAJOR ROAD, MINATO WAY, GINBASHI 3-[illegible]1-54, IN TOKYO CITY, THERE WAS VERY LITTLE EYEWITNESS INFORMATION. FURTHERMORE, THERE WAS ALSO A CONCERT AT THE KYOURAKU ARENA AT, GINBASHI 4-1-21 FOR THE PUNK BAND "NOKOGIRI KUWAGATA."
IT FINISHED AT 9:00 PM, AND AMONG THE 15000 PEOPLE, NEARLY 4000 PASSED IN FRONT OF THE SHOP WHILE HEADING TO GINBASHI STATION ON THEIR WAY HOME. EITHER WE FAILED TO COLLECT ENOUGH INFORMATION ON SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE IN THE AREA, OR HE DISGUISED HIMSELF AMONG THE CROWD."


EVEN THOUGH THEY RAN, TAMAGAWA WAS GONE AND A "BOX" WAS DISCOVERED A NUMBER OF DAYS LATER.
THE CRIES OF THE JEWEL DEALER, TAMAGAWA ATARU, WERE HEARD BY THREE OF HIS EMPLOYEES.
AROUND 9:25 PM, ON JANUARY 12TH, A SATURDAY
IT WAS THE 98TH X CASE WORLDWIDE, AND THE 19TH CASE IN JAPAN.
FROM THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VARIABLE NUMBER TANDEM REPEATS IN THE DNA THERE AND IN HAIR FOUND IN HIS STUDY, IT WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE MAN HIMSELF.

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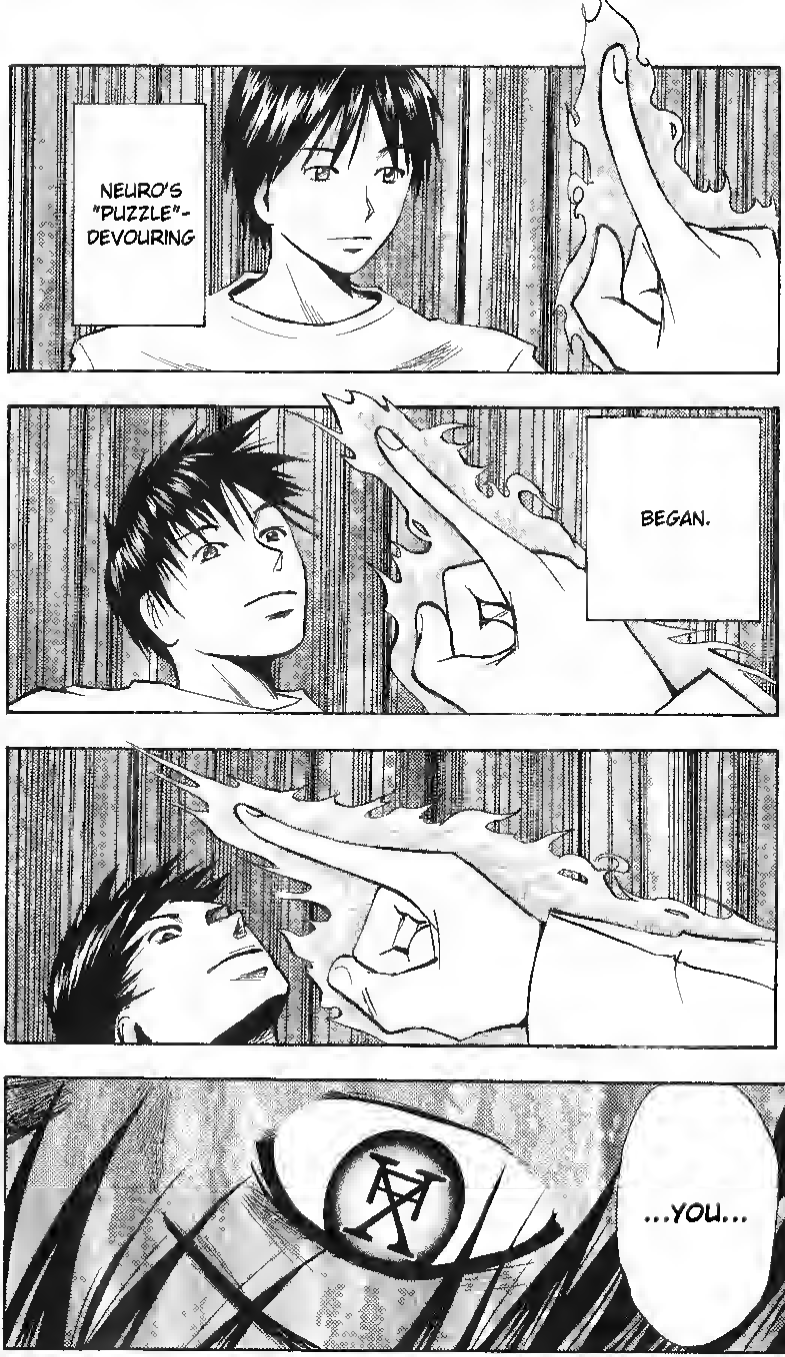
THAT'S RIGHT, TSUKUSHI.
HMPH.
UNFAILING AS USUAL.
HOW WAS THAT, MR. USUI.
..AND
WHEN HE CONCENTRATES...
HE NEVER FORGETS WHAT HE'S MEMORIZED.
TO BE AN INTERPOL INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER WHO DEALS WITH INFORMATION ON A VAST NUMBER OF CRIMINALS ON A WORLDWIDE LEVEL..
THAT'S WHY HE'S WELL QUALIFIED...

BECAUSE WHAT I CAN'T FORGET, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE...
...IS THE GREAT EVIL OF THE EXISTENCE KNOWN AS X.
I WANT MORE AND MORE INFORMATION.
AND THEN
WHILE IT'S EMBARRASSING, THAT'S THE EVALUATION I'VE RECIEVED.
...FORGET IT.
AND YOU KNOW DAMN WELL YOUR ENGLISH IS HARD TO LISTEN TO.
I CERTAINLY WON'T FORGET THIS EITHER~~
I'M MIGHTY CHUFFED OVER THE BLOODY BRILLIANT SHAPE OF THIS YOUNG LADY'S ARSE
HOWEVER, MR. USUI~~
HE'S GONE INTO HIDING SINCE THE INCIDENT AT ESHIYA MANOR BUT
KAITOU "X"
.....

I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME...
THAT HE BEGAN TO MOVE AGAIN.
IT WAS THE SAME AS ALWAYS.
NEURO LOCKED ONTO THE "PUZZLE" WITH MY FINGER.
THE CRIMINAL IS...
FROM THE INSTANT ...
THIS FINGER POINTED OUT THE CRIMINAL


NEURO'S "PUZZLE"-DEVOURING
BEGAN.
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECOND CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL RESULTS: {#11 ~ #71}

RANK: NAME	VOTES
#11: HAYASAKA HISANORI	646
#12: AKANE	645
#13: HAYASAKA HISANORI	611
#14: HARUKAWA EISUKE	609
#15: AYA ASIA	592
#16: SAOTOME KUNIHARU	590
#17: "ELECTRONIC PERSON" HAL	308
#18: TAKEDA KEITAROU	294
#19: CRAB GODAI	131
#20: NEO-SPHINX	125
#21: LETHAL WEAPON ROUND ROBO	111
#22: ESHIYA TOUGO	106
#23: SHIROTA MASAKAGE	98
#24: AI	86
#25: ESHIYA YUKA	85
#26: THE DEMON GENERAL	76
#27: NOUGAMI FINANCIAL	61
#28: MISERABLE FELLOW	51
#28: YAKANE	51
#30: HOMURA TETSUYUKI	49
#30: A DEMONIC GOOD PERSON	49
#32: WRECKING BALL	48
#33: KAGOHARA KANAE	38
#33: TROY	38
#35: EZAKI SHIHO	34
#36: KASAI ZENJIROU	33
#37: MAGURI TAIJI	32
#38: YAKOU	31
#39: EVIL FUMBLE	30
#40: IKEDA TOORU	28
#40: HUMAN SHORTBREADS	28
#40: EVIL FRIDAY	28

RANK: NAME	VOTES
#43: ISHIGAKI JUN	27
#44: FRIED OYSTERS	24
#45: ELIZABETH	23
#45: BERET WITH MACHINEGUN	23
#47: FISH SAUSAGE	22
#48: MOE WHITE	20
#48: NURSE CHASING MARATHON RUNNER	20
#48: NAKANO HIROYUKI	20
#51: SECOND STAGE BOSS	19
#51: MAGIURI FUREJI	19
#53: KATSURAGI HARUKA	18
#54: EVIL REFLECTOR	17
#55: TAKKUN	16
#55: NONOYAMA MIHARU (DRAMA CD)	16
#57: KYABETSUN	15
#57: WASHIO MASAKATSU	15
#57: SUNFISH PICTURE THAT YAKO DREW	15
#60: WASHIN-TAN	14
#61: KAMONROU	13
#61: PLEADING BACK CHORUS	13
#61: CHAIRMAN ARIGAI	13
#61: MINO SHOUZOU	13
#65: RUNNING MOTHER	12
#65: ASADA TADANOBU	12
#67: MONSTER	11
#67: STATUE OF LIBERT LIGHTER	11
#67: DAVID RICE	11
#67: LARVAL BROWN CICADA	11
#71: TAWAWA WHITE	10
#71: MAGURI TOSHIMITSU	10
#71: COUPLE OWNING MB*SLR	10
#71: HISTERRIER	10

CONTINUED RESULTS FROM RANK 75 AND BELOW ARE POSTED ON PAGE 126.

TRANSLATION: ANONYMOUS, EDITING: ANONYMOUS, CLEANING: ANONYMOUS SPRITE FREELY UNTIL LICENSED TRANSLATIONS EXIST. ANONYMOUS DOES NOT FORGIVE!

CHAPTER 112
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...
HE RAN OFF...
DOES THAT MEAN HE ADMITTED THAT HE HIMSELF IS THE CRIMINAL...
HEY...
HEY, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT JUST NOW!?
HUMANS CAN'T FLY LIKE THAT, CAN THEY!!
I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS THE MOST SURPRISED.
EVERYONE WAS CONFUSED.
BUT...
THAT'S...
OH, YORI...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU.
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HIS PREY WAS ABLE TO RUN AWAY.
THAT BEFORE NELRO DEVOURED THE "PUZZLE"...
THAT WAS BECAUSE IT HADN'T HAPPENED EVEN ONCE BEFORE NOW.

IS GONE!!
NEURO...
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IT IS TRULY UNPLEASANT.
I AM DISPLEASED.
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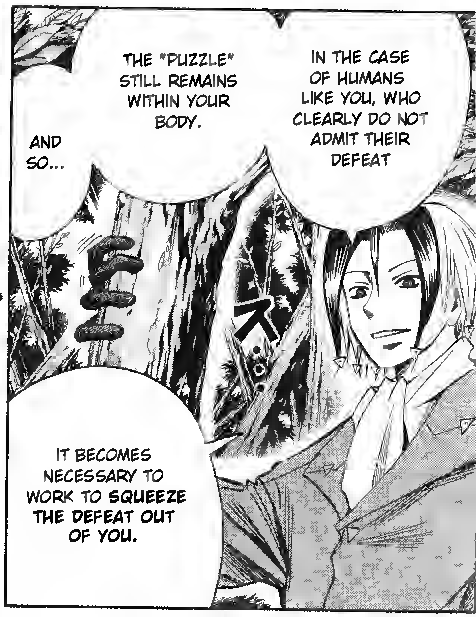
WITH THAT POWER...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY TO CLIMB TO THE SECOND FLOOR WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE.
...DESPITE THAT, YOU USED A TRICK.
THAT POWER OF YOURS
THE ELECTRONIC DRUG, IS IT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
.....
IF YOU USED TWO OR THREE BAMBOO PLANTS TO RIDE DOWN ON BEFOREHAND, IN A RANDOM DIRECTION,
YOU COULD DROP YOURSELF SOMEWHERE FAR FROM THE HOUSE.
THEN, YOU USED THE SAME METHOD TO RETURN TO THE SECOND FLOOR.
THERE WERE BAMBOO LEAVES ON THE FRAME OF YOUR BEDROOM WINDOW.
DEEP FOOTPRINTS WERE LEFT AT THE BASE OF THE BAMBOO FOREST OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW.
IN SHORT, USING THE BAMBOO WAS YOUR TRICK.

EXACTLY.
...AND, DID YOU "DEVOUR" IT JUST NOW?
THE "PUZZLE" THAT I MADE.
AT WHAT STAGE IN SOLVING THE TRICK...
DO YOU EAT THE ENERGY FROM THE "PUZZLE"?
SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW AT WHAT POINT YOU EAT IT
I DODGED AND RAN WHEN EVEN JUST A FINGER WAS POINTED AT ME.
YOU...
COME ON, TELL ME. DID YOU EAT IT OR DIDN'T YOU?

BY TORMENTING YOU INSIDE AND OUT...
UNTIL I BREAK YOUR SPIRIT.

IF THEY FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN DEFEATED AT THE POINT IN TIME THAT THE TRICK IS SOLVED
THEN THE "PUZZLE" IS EMITTED FROM THE PERSON, BUT

I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DEVOUR IT.
WHAT IS DRAWN OUT FROM THE "PUZZLE" AT THE END IS THE "FEELING OF DEFEAT".


AND SO...
THE "PUZZLE" STILL REMAINS WITHIN YOUR BODY.
IN THE CASE OF HUMANS LIKE YOU, WHO CLEARLY DO NOT ADMIT THEIR DEFEAT
IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO WORK TO SQUEEZE THE DEFEAT OUT OF YOU.

AND THEN AFTER I HAVE DEVOURED THE "PUZZLE"
YOU WILL COUGH UP THE ENTIRE STORY FOR ME.
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NOT ONLY THE REASON YOU KNOW ABOUT ME
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH
BUT ALSO THE REASON YOU MADE THE TRICK WITHOUT WANTING ME TO SOLVE IT.
...I WONDER IF YOU'LL BE ABLE TO.

A ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE.
I GUESS IT WAS DESTINY?
.....
TRULY A COINCIDENCE.
THAT YOU CAME TO MY HOMETOWN WAS...
SINCE I KNEW THAT THE OLD LADY'S LEGS AND SPIRIT WERE WEAK...
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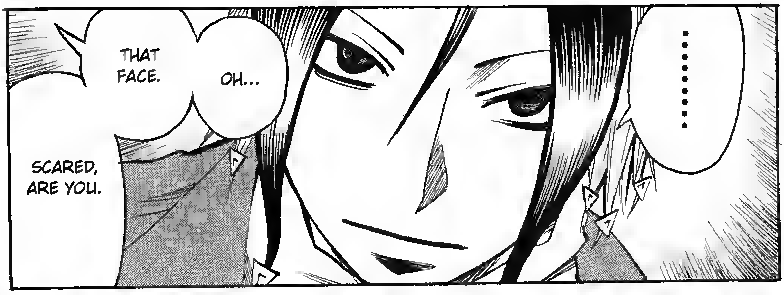
I KNEW SHE'D MAKE A GOOD WITNESS.
AND SINCE I COULD DISPOSE OF THAT OLD FART WHO'S BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE, TOO
AND BECAUSE I KNOW THE STRUCTURE OF THE FOREST TOO, THE TRICK WAS EASILY CONSTRUCTED.
BUT THANKS TO THAT...
SINCE I COULD EASILY CONCEAL MYSELF WITH THE HELP OF THAT OLD LADY I KNOW SO WELL

YOU FOLLOWED THE BAIT OF THE "PUZZLE".
YOU DANCED IN THE PALM OF MY HAND.
AND THEN JUST AS I WAS AIMING FOR...


THAT FACE.
OH...
SCARED, ARE YOU.
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GRIPS YOU WITH CONFUSION AND A STRONG SENSE OF UNEASE.
THE UNANTICIPATED RESISTANCE OF YOUR PREY...
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NOW...
I'VE HEARD THAT AN ARROGANT MAN KNOWS NO FEAR, BUT
YOU ARE CLEARLY AFRAID.
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WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?
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NOUGAMI...
NEUROOO...
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IT WAS TO DO SUCH A THING AS TO KILL MR. SATOYAMA...
COULD IT BE...
I THOUGHT HE CAME BACK BECAUSE...
HE WAS A GOOD BOY AND WAS WORRIED ABOUT ALL THE COMMOTION OVER THE POISONOUS GAS.
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THAT POLICEMAN?
.....?
... NEURO ...
I'VE EVEN BEEN LEFT ALONG IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
HURRY UP AND COME BACK TO EXPLAIN IT...
I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT JUST HAPPENED.
...GEEZ...
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THE MEEK AND UNSOPHISTICATED MAN WHO APPEARED BEFORE ME...
I CALLED "YORU"!!
BUT BELOW THAT QUIET MASK...
AN ATROCIOUS MAN WHO SOUGHT THE POWER TO DESTROY WHAT HE WANTED...
"LEECH" WAS LURKING!!

NOW
LET'S START THIS PARTY, NEURO.
YOUR DANCE PARTNER WILL BE LEECH
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AND MINE IS!!

HEY THERE
YAKO.

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AHAA...
IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM.
THIS FACE THAT I STOLE FROM PRISON.
WHEN I MET HER...
THERE WAS SOMETHING I NOTICED.

THERE WAS A THING LIKE AN INSECT WITH AN EYEBALL FLYING AROUND HER.
IF I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS BEING BACKED BY A "DEMON", I MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ALWAYS THAT WAY BUT...
NEURO SEEMS TO BE OBSERVING KATSURAGI YAKO.
THAT IS TO SAY,
IT'S A "WARNING" PLACED OVER YAKO.
FIRST OF ALL ...
I THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO TAKE AWAY THAT "WARNING"

TO KILL NEURO.
IF YOU PLAN TO USE HER...
JUST AN ORDINARY BUG.
...WHAT'S THIS.
YOU'RE NOT DOING VERY WELL, NEURO.
WHEN YOUR EYES ARE DIVERTED FROM YOUR OWN POSESSIONS.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND CHARACTER POPULARITTY POLL {#75~#130}

RANK: NAME	VOTES
#75: PROFESSOR PITHECUS	9
#75: MOCHIZUKI TATEO	9
#75: MOROZUMI TSUTOMU	9
#75: EVIL TREE	9
#79: OOTSUKA TERUKI	8
#79: PORCUPINE	8
#79: ASANAGA HIROTO	7
#81: YELLOW NEET	7
#81: CHIEF SECRETARIAT KAMASE	7
#81: STICK-ON	7
#86: MIGITSUMA TAKANOJOU	6
#86: BMW/X!!!	6
#86: OFFICER HIRAYAM. HIRANO	6
#86: 100% TUNA	6
#86: CHIN YAMATO	6
#91: DOPING CONSOMME SOUP	5
#91: THE STATUE OF "MY FINAL SELF"	5
#91: GRANDMA KNUCKLES	5
#91: DEMON-WORLD-CERATOPS	5
#91: MARK HESTON	5
#91: DEFENDER 2-0-0	5
#91: EVIL BUTTERFLY	5
#91: MOZU TAKAYASU	5
#91: HORIGUCHI AKIRA	5
#91: "THE COMPLETE 10-VOLUME SET OF PROPER LAWS OF ETIQUETTE"	5
#91: EVIL AQUA	5
#101: SONOBE MIWAKO	4
#101: TOURORIN	4
#101: FUJIWARA MANJIROU	4
#101: KATSURAGI SEIICHI	4
#101: CAMEL CRICKET	4
#101: DEMON WORLD FISH	4
#101: PINK PANDA	4
#101: DEMON WORLD CAPYBARA	4
#101: RICE CAKE AUTOPSY	4
#101: DOSHI ROAD GIRLS!	4
#101: EVIL STRINGER	4
#112: DA-TE	4
#112: CHAFF 1-2-2	4

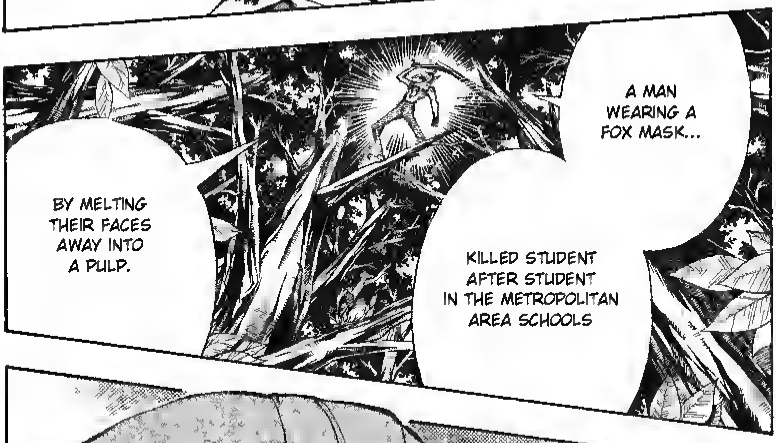
RANK: NAME	VOTES:
#112: DEFENDER 1-4-1	3
#112: MAYOR OF EASTERN WEST TOKYO	3
#112: HIRANO SORA	3
#112: MAGURI KAZUSHIGE	3
#112: II TOMOKO	3
#112: NEURO'S COMB	3
#112: OOIZUMI HIBARI	3
#112: KOALA BATTOUSAI	3
#112: NISHIMURA TAIJU	3
#112: HISHIBATA KAERU	3
#112: USUI'S LEFTOVER FISH SAUSAGE	3
#112: KEN	3
#112: YAKO'S COMB	3
#112: ZASHIKIWARASHI	3
#112: KULURU MAYU (DRAMA CD)	3
#112: EVIL CENTIPEDE	3
#130: ESHIYA TAE	2
#130: FOLLOWING BOY	2
#130: SCHOOL COOK	2
#130: SATOSHI	2
#130: SARASHI MATSUTAROU	2
#130: SPHINX	2
#130: BIGARO FUJI	2
#130: KANNO HIROSHI	2
#130: WHO-TA	2
#130: MELON	2
#130: DONDOKODON	2
#130: DAIJIMA TAKUROU	2
#130: TSUTSUI SOUTA	2
#130: HONEY APPLE	2
#130: ELECTRIC FORESTER BIRIJIAN	2
#130: ISOMEA MANAMI (DRAMA CD)	2
#130: BEEF PUDDING (DRAMA CD)	2
#130: GETTING STRONG	2
#130: BARI-8 T-SHIRT	2
#130: PEOPLE WHOVE EATEN H. PYLORI	2
#130: IKAGESO	2
#130: MINT-FLAVORED CRACKERS	2
#130: GIRL WITH LETHAL WEAPON ROUND ROBO	2

NOTE: HAL + HARUKAWA EISUKE = 917 VOTES, GODAI + CRAB GODAI = 1065 VOTES, YAKO + YAKOU = 3408 VOTES

CHAPTER 113 蛭【LEECH】

ONCE MORE,
IN CASE YOU
FORGOT.

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: "YOUKAI" HERE IS A PLAY ON WORDS, WRITTEN WITH THE KANJI FOR DISSOLVE BUT OBVIOUSLY ALSO INTENDING THE MEANING OF 'SUPERNATURAL CREATURE' AS WELL


A MAN WEARING A FOX MASK...
KILLED STUDENT AFTER STUDENT IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA SCHOOLS
BY MELTING THEIR FACES AWAY INTO A PULP.

ONE STUDENT WAS SUSPECTED.
A TIMID GUY WHO CAME TO THE BIG CITY FROM THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE
WHO WAS BEING BULLIED BY THE GROUP OF VICTIMS.

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BUT THEY COULDN'T CATCH HIM.
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MAKING USE OF A CAREFULLY CONSTRUCTED ALIBI...
HE WAS QUICKLY REMOVED FROM THE POLICE'S LIST OF SUSPECTS.

AT THE TIME, THE METHOD HE USED TO KILL WAS...
AFTER BEARING DOWN ON HIS OPPONENTS...
JUST LIKE I AM NOW
A DIGESTIVE FLUID WAS DRIPPED ONTO THEIR FACES.
THE FACE IS A MYSTERIOUS THING.
JUST BY MELTING IT AWAY INTO A PULP LIKE SO...
IT'S JUST LIKE THAT PERSON THEMSELF DISAPPEARS.
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BOTH IN THE CITY AND IN THE VILLAGE, THERE WERE LUMPS THAT DIDN'T FEEL SO GOOD.
I DECIDED TO MELT THEM ALL AWAY.
I WORKED HARD TO GET GOOD GRADES AND GET INTO A WELL-KNOWN SCHOOL IN THE CITY.
WHAT HAD BEEN WAITING FOR ME WAS A WORLD OF BEING LYNCHED OUT OF DISCRIMINATION AND JEALOUSY.

I THOUGHT A PERFECTLY FLAT WORLD WOULD BE WAITING FOR ME.
IF I TURNED EVERYONE'S FACES INTO A PULP...
AND SO I KEPT DRIPPING, DROP BY DROP.

BUT NOW IT'S DIFFERENT.
I'VE STOPPED DRIPPING ALREADY.
I'LL SHOW YOU, NEURO.
NOW, I...
HAVE POWER FROM A NEW SOURCE!!
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HEY...
WHO I AM INSIDE...
DO YOU THINK IT'S A DISGUSTING HUMAN BEING?

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WELL...
HOW ABOUT WE GO HOME AND YOU CAN TAKE THE TIME TO COMPARE IT TO YOUR CELLS?
SINCE THAT'S WHY YOU MADE A "BOX" OF THIS DISGUSTING PERSON
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OH, THAT'S RIGHT, AI.
THAT "BOX" YOU THOUGHT OF IS A GOOD IDEA.
THEY'LL BE CLEARER AS AN INDIVIDUAL BY MASHING THEM UP.

A PUPIL FROM THE SAME CLASS AS THE MAN YOU BECAME
OOSUGA YORI
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GAH
WHO IS THIS?
AND
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THOUGH I ONLY BECAME THIS FELLOW YESTERDAY.
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QUITE THE CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.
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AH…
THE QUIET ONE.
IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN BULLIED FOR QUITE A WHILE BY YOUR GROUP.
MAYBE THE STRING OF MURDERS IN THE AREAS IS THIS STUDENT'S REVENGE.

AFTER HEARING RUMORS OF AN INFAMOUS TEACHER AT THIS SCHOOL WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE TOUCHED FORTY-FIVE OF THE FEMALE HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS
女性春秋
"AAH~ I WONDER IF MAYBE WHO I AM INSIDE IS THAT KIND OF A PERVERT..." IS WHAT YOU SAID
AND AS THE SUBJECT OF YOUR OBSERVATION, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF TAKING HIM HOME.
WELL....
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH HIM?
I COULDN'T SAY.
SINCE YOUR GOAL HAS ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED
IF YOU WISH TO SEE THIS MAN'S INSIDES, FEEL FREE TO DO AS YOU WISH...
BUT
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HEY, AI.
DO YOU HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT SO CALMLY LIKE THAT?
IT'S GONNA MAKE ME LOSE INTEREST.
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.....
MY APOLOGIES.

WE'RE GOING HOME
EVEN MASHED INTO A PULP...
A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL OF "POWER"
UNDER-STOOD.
HE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL THAT COULDN'T BE ERASED.
JUST THAT ALONE WAS ENOUGH REASON
FOR THE PLACE I CHOSE
..."AAH, I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM"
PLEASE, WAIT...
WAIT...

I'M NOT DRIPPING THE DIGESTIVE FLUID, I'M SPRAYING IT MORE THAN FIFTY METERS AHEAD!!!
IT'S POSSIBLE, WITH THE STRENGTHENED LUNG CAPACITY FROM THE ELECTRONIC DRUG!!

WHAT'S WRONG, NEURO!!
DON'T RUN AWAY, SHOW ME YOUR POWER!!
YOU HAVE DEMONIC POWERS, RIGHT!?
PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MY ATTACK WITH THEM!!
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IF YOU DON'T ...
THE WAY YOU ARE NOW, EVEN I CAN EASILY TURN YOU INTO A PULP...
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X, ISN'T IT.
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YOUR MASTER IS
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GUH...
THE BAMBOO ...!?
THOSE THAT KNOW OF THE PROGRESSIVE WEAKENING OF MY BODY ARE ONLY X AND MY SLAVE.
AND THEN, YOU SAID "THE WAY YOU ARE NOW"
IS X.
AND THEN THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS A REASON TO KILL ME...
ONLY X, HAL, AND MY SLAVE.
THOSE THAT KNOW I AM A DEMON ARE

TO MAKE ME USE MY DEMONIC POWERS.
AT YOUR LEVEL, YOU ARE A THOUSAND YEARS TOO EARLY...
NOW THEN
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE BEATEN BY THE TRICK THAT YOU YOURSELF USED?
YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL OF BEING LURED FROM THE UNDERBRUSH TO THE BAMBOO FOREST.
HA HA HA ...
PERFECT.
A WHOLE DIFFERENT DIMENSION OF PERFECT.
YOU'RE...

SPEAK.
WHAT WAS X'S GOAL IN HAVING YOU DO THIS?
BUT YOU'RE TOO PERFECT, NEURO.
HOW MANY OTHER PEOPLE HAVE THOUGHT "AAH, I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM" ...NONE, PROBABLY.
WHEN HUMANS SEE YOU, A DEMON
THEY'LL HAVE A RESIGNED LOOK.
.....
X IS...
WHEN YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU CAN CLEARLY SAY HE'S FULL OF IMPERFECTIONS.
INCONSTANT AND CAPRICIOUS IN BODY AND IN SPIRIT.
BUT...
WE'RE CLOSER TO HIM THAN TO YOU.

IT'S AN EMOTION THAT YOU COULD NEVER FEEL.
NEURO.
.....
SINCE IT'S A RELIEF THAT HE'S A HUMAN WITH FLAWS, THE SAME AS US...
WE CAN ADMIRE THE POWER THAT HE HAS AS A HUMAN, THE SAME AS US.
THAT'S WHAT "AAH, I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM" MEANS, RIGHT.
DEMON NEURO.
SOMEDAY HE'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU
THAT HUMAN DRAWN FROM AMONG HUMANITY
AND YOU'LL BE DEFEATED BY OUR KAITOU "X".

AND
HOW WAS THAT?
SOMEHOW, WITH ME AS YOUR OPPONENT...
IT TOOK A BIT OF TIME TO DO THIS...
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SO THAT'S WHAT HE DID.

HEH
HEH...
HE SURE IS AMAZING...
HE ALREADY UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION COMPLETELY.
BUT...
IT'S ALREADY... TOO... LATE...

WHERE AM I...!?
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大菅　依【OOSUGA YORI】

BIRTHDATE: SEPTEMBER 27
AGE: 21
HEIGHT: 177 CM
WEIGHT: 69 KG
NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED: NUMBER OF LEECH TATTOOS
HOMETOWN: LIKES IT AS IT IS
HOMETOWN OF HIS SPIRIT: THE POOL OF 'STAND BY ME'

YOU FIGURED OUT WHO THE CRIMINAL WAS, NYA?
HE RAN OFF INTO THE FOREST...
WHAT DO WE DO...
...AND WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
I GUESS, FIRST OF ALL, WE'LL HAVE TO SEARCH THE FOREST.
CHAPTER 114 捜【KIDNAP】
DON'T JOKE AROUND!!
HUH, THE LAST TEN MINUTES!?
I SAW YOU HERE UNTIL THE INVESTIGATOR POINTED OUT THE CRIMINAL, DIDN'T I?
WELL, YOU SEE, NYA
OH.
WHERE DID YOU GO OFF TO, POLICEMAN.
I SPENT ABOUT TEN MINUTES WANDERING AROUND SEARCHING FOR THEM.
MY HAT AND EARRINGS DISAPPEARED, NYA.
AT SOME POINT WHEN I WENT TO DO MY BUSINESS...

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THAT'S RIDICULOUS.
I WASN'T HERE THEN, NYA.
THEN WHO WAS THAT HERE JUST A MINUTE AGO!?
CHAPTER 114
攫【KIDNAP】

HEY, MONSTER.
I GOT HERE AT THE TIME YOU ASKED FOR.
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SO EVEN YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE A SINGLE COMPLAINT ABOUT...
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I EVEN ARRIVED FIVE MINUTES EARLY
AFTER YOU'D SAID THAT IF I WAS LATE YOU'D CARVE WRINKLES IN BETWEEN MY EYEBROWS THAT WOULDN'T DISAPPEAR.
GO.
WE ARE LEAVING.
LEAVING...
WHAT ABOUT THE INVESTIGATOR?

WHA...!!
THE CRIMINAL IS KAITOU "X".
SHE HAS BEEN ABDUCTED.
BECAUSE IT IS A REMOTE VILLAGE...
PERHAPS SHE IS ALREADY FAR OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE.
WE CANNOT EXPECT THAT THERE WERE ANY WITNESSES
YOU MEAN THAT KAITOU "X"!?
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!!
IS SHE GONNA BE OKAY!?

THAT X
IT SEEMS HE REMEMBERS HOW TO STRIKE AT MY WEAK POINTS, FROM BEFORE.
PERHAPS I SHALL COMMEND HIM FOR THAT WHEN NEXT WE MEET.
...YOU ASSHOLE
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING SO HAPPY ABOUT
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT THAT INVESTIGATOR
X IS NOT AS STUPID AS HE LOOKS
AIMING TO USE A HOSTAGE TO LURE ME IN
HE KNOWS A LIFELESS HOSTAGE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE
BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING, RIGHT!!
ISN'T SHE A VALUABLE TOOL FOR YOU!!

GODAI.
DO YOU THINK I SHOULD SIMPLY DISPENSE WITH HIM?
A TOOL, INDEED
A RAGGED DUSTCLOTH THAT I POLISHED WITH A SILK CLOTH
IN THE CASE...
THAT X DAMAGES MY TOOL THAT I WORKED SO HARD TO DISCIPLINE
SURE...
SUCH AN AMUSED, SMILING FACE!!
SURELY HE'S NOT THINKING "THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTING"!?

WHERE AM I...
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WHY AM I IN THIS KIND OF...
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, AT THAT VILLAGE...
I SUDDENLY PASSED OUT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.
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THAT'S RIGHT.
IT WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS SOMEONE THERE WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THERE.
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THAT'S...
A "RED BOX"!!
THEN...

KAITOU "X"...
I'M...
..... X...!!

WHAT SORT OF CIRCUMSTANCES ARE YOU BEING PUT IN NOW.
KATSURAGI YAKO.

IT SEEMS YOU UNDERSTAND ALREADY.

FROM WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB..!!
...YOU'RE...
IT WAS NOTHING.
THANKS TO YOU, I WAS RELEASED FROM THAT HELLISH DEBT.
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AH.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE EXPENSIVE HANDKERCHIEF BACK THEN.
THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE.
AND YOU HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED BY HIM.
IT IS BECAUSE I SERVE X.
!
WHY AM I MEETING YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!!
...WAIT, THAT'S NOT IT!!
THIS IS..

HUH?
NEVERTHELESS, YOU'RE VERY CALM, KATSURAGI YAKO.
MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE IN A PANIC IF THEY WOKE UP TO FIND THEMSELVES RESTRAINED.
SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...
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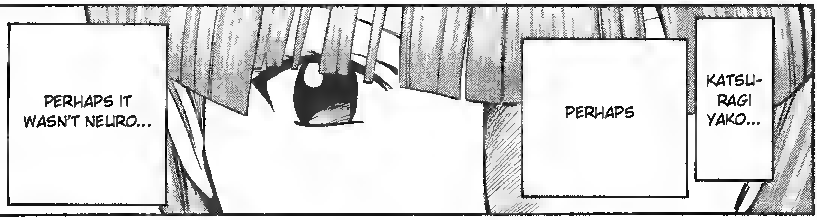
IS THAT SO.
I'VE GOTTEN USED TO BEING TIED UP...
AAH...
BEING SLAPPED ABOUT FIVE OR SIX TIMES FROM THIS SITUATION IS A WARM-UP EXERCISE.
AFTER YOU SAID "MASTER" I WAS SURE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A HUSBAND.
THAT I'VE GOTTEN USED TO BEING IN A BIT OF A PANIC.
IT'S HIS FAULT...
OR IS IT SOMETHING SHE ORIGINALLY HAD.
IS THAT NEURO'S DOING
.....

COURAGE, ENDURANCE, ADAPTABILITY.
WHEN SHE'S PUT UP AGAINST A GREAT OBSTACLE...
SHE CAN PROBABLY BE FORCED TO EXERCISE THAT STRENGTH.

I FELT IT AT THAT TIME TOO.
THIS GIRL IS TREMENDOUSLY STRONG IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.


PERHAPS IT WASN'T NEURO...
PERHAPS
KATSURAGI YAKO...

.....
ENTERTAINING A GORILLA?
NO, A GORILLA.
A PERSON LIKE A GORILLA?

PLEASE WAIT MOMENTARILY.
.. NOTHING
HUH?
SINCE X IS ENTERTAINING A GORILLA.

HE'S SHOWN AN INTEREST IN CHINESE MONKEY DISHES.
... WHAT'S THIS.
AI'S LEAVING THE DISPOSAL OF THIS TO ME?
WHAT A LOT OF TROUBLE.

CAN'T BE HELPED, I GUESS.
IF NEURO COMES, THIS ONE WON'T GET AWAY.
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MY APOLOGIES.
THOUGH I AM GLAD I HAD JUST PROCURED ONE.
OH WELL.
I'LL BRING IT DOWN TO THE RIGHT SIZED PORTIONS AND LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
...UNDERSTOOD.
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THE FEAR
CAME BACK TO ME.
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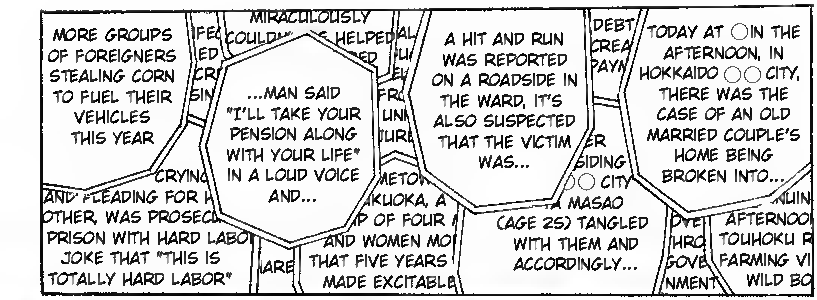
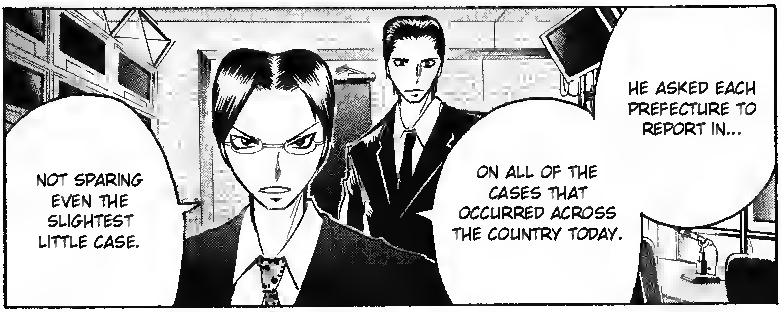
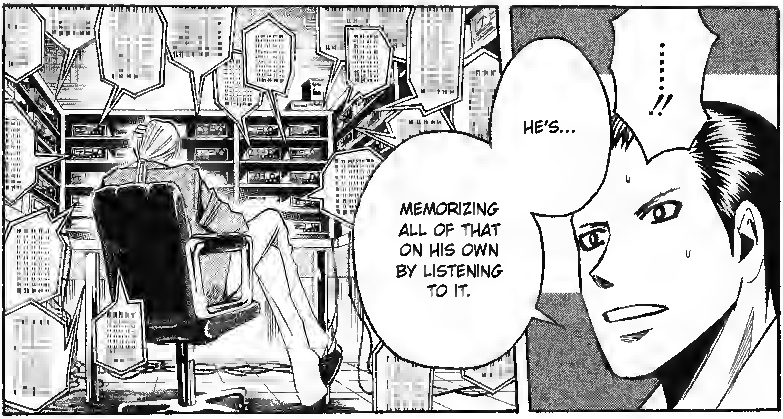
NOW THEN...
DON'T WORRY, KATSURAGI YAKO.
I WON'T KILL YOU UNTIL NEURO COMES.
BUT...
I'LL DO SOMETHING OTHER THAN KILL YOU.
THAT'S BECAUSE .. I'M NOT SCARED OF RETALIATION FROM NEURO.
BECAUSE BEFORE HE CAN RETALIATE ...
NEURO WILL DIE.


MORE GROUPS OF FOREIGNERS STEALING CORN TO FUEL THEIR VEHICLES THIS YEAR
...MAN SAID "I'LL TAKE YOUR PENSION ALONG WITH YOUR LIFE" IN A LOUD VOICE AND...
A HIT AND RUN WAS REPORTED ON A ROADSIDE IN THE WARD, IT'S ALSO SUSPECTED THAT THE VICTIM WAS...
TODAY AT ○IN THE AFTERNOON, IN HOKKAIDO ○○ CITY, THERE WAS THE CASE OF AN OLD MARRIED COUPLE'S HOME BEING BROKEN INTO...
JOKE THAT "THIS IS TOTALLY HARD LABOR"
MASAO (AGE 25) TANGLED WITH THEM AND ACCORDINGLY...

MR. USUI.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HE DOING?


NOT SPARING EVEN THE SLIGHTEST LITTLE CASE.
ON ALL OF THE CASES THAT OCCURRED ACROSS THE COUNTRY TODAY.
HE ASKED EACH PREFECTURE TO REPORT IN...


HE'S...
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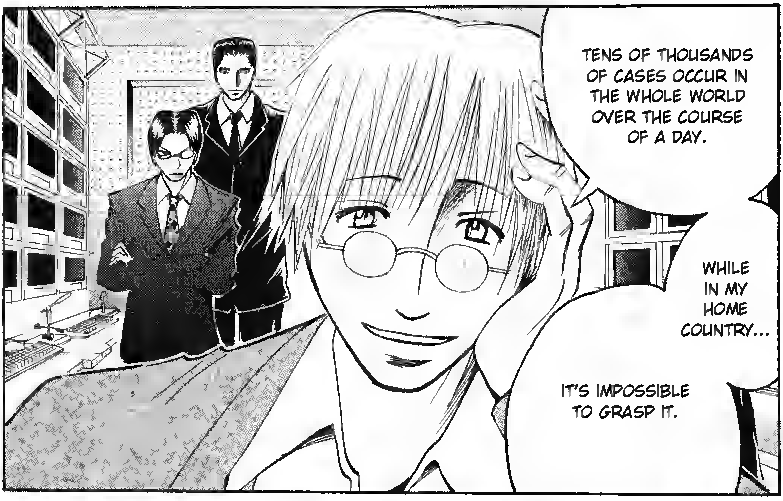
MEMORIZING ALL OF THAT ON HIS OWN BY LISTENING TO IT.

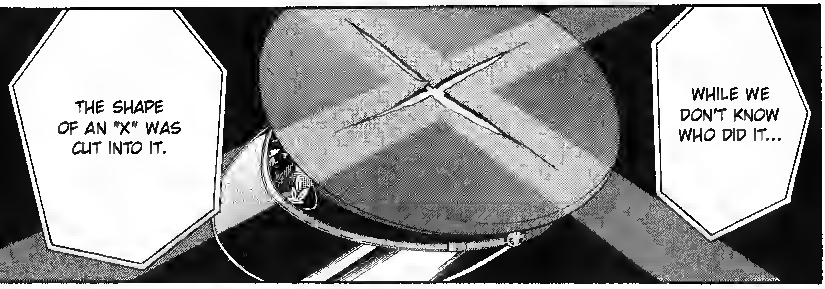

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CASES OCCUR IN THE WHOLE WORLD OVER THE COURSE OF A DAY.
WHILE IN MY HOME COUNTRY...
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GRASP IT.

IT'S BEST TO COME AND LISTEN IN RIGHT AWAY...
THAT'S WHY...
IN THE COUNTRY THE TARGET IS HIDING IN.

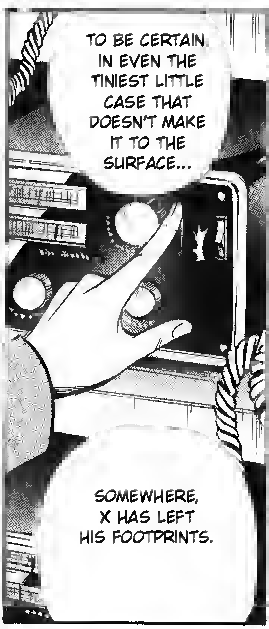
MR. USUI.
ONCE MORE, THE REPORT FROM NAGANO PREFECTURE POLICE, JUST NOW.
RIGHT.
I'LL HAVE THEM REPEAT IT.

IF I HAVE EVEN A MONTH OF DOING THIS, I...
!
WAIT!!

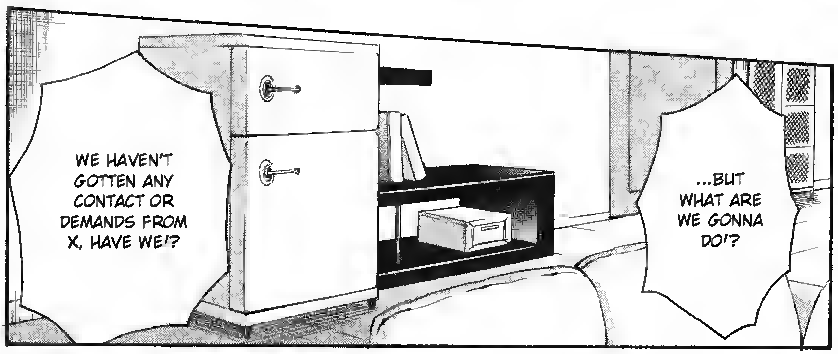
ALSO, IN THE OFFICER'S APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT
THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR ONE HAT.
THE OFFICER WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE SCENE INSISTS THAT HE "WASN'T".
BY THE WAY, SOMETHING FUNNY HAPPENED IN THAT MURDER INVESTIGATION CASE.
IF THAT'S TRUE, THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE AT THE SCENE WHO HAD THE SAME FACE AS THE OFFICER.


THE SHAPE OF AN "X" WAS CUT INTO IT.
WHILE WE DON'T KNOW WHO DID IT...

WELL, MR. USUI.
LET'S START AROUND THAT AREA.
SH-HA SH-HA SH-HA


TO BE CERTAIN, IN EVEN THE TINIEST LITTLE CASE THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT TO THE SURFACE...
SOMEWHERE, X HAS LEFT HIS FOOTPRINTS.

MIGHT BE IT.
...THIS...


WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY CONTACT OR DEMANDS FROM X, HAVE WE!?
...BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO!?

INSIDE TROY!!
HOW LONG'S IT GONNNA TAKE...
...HM
IN MY ABSENCE
THIS ADULTEROUS DESK...
LET IN AN INTRUDER.

THE MOST MOE CHARACTER IN THIS SERIES

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PARTNERED WITH HIM...
YOU'LL OPEN UP THE INVESTIGATION OF X AGAIN.
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT...
I DON'T LET PERSONAL FEELINGS GET INVOLVED IN MY WORK.
I'LL EVEN USE PEOPLE THAT I FIND PERSONALLY DISAGREEABLE.
IF THEY'RE QUALIFIED...
YOU'LL BE THE SUPPORT, INCLUDING GUIDING HIM ON THE ROAD.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO DOWN TO EACH AND EVERY CRIME SCENE.
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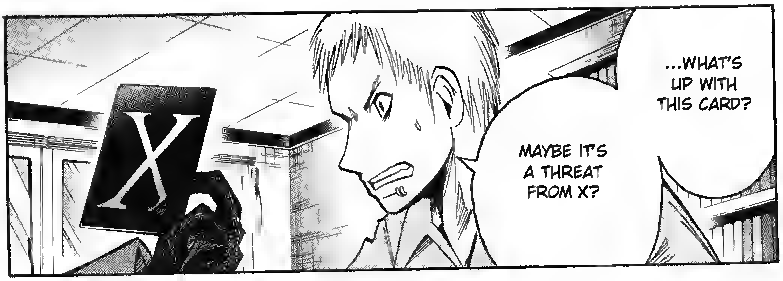
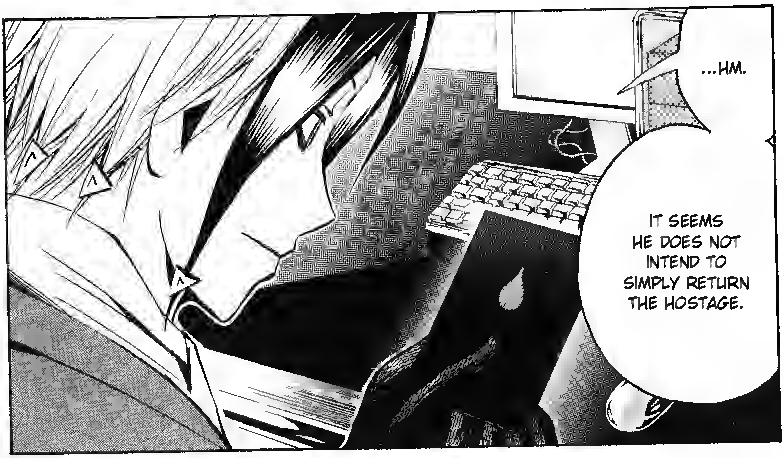
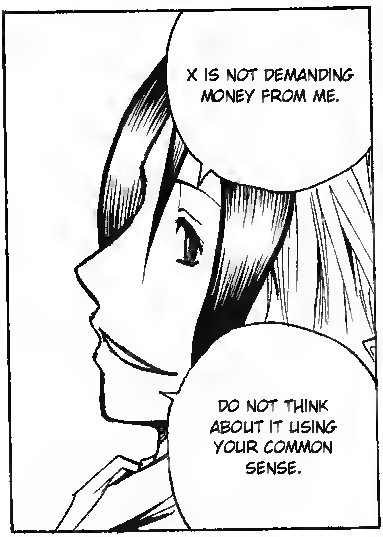
YOU'RE... GOING TO APPOINT ME?
TO THIS INVESTIGATION OF X?

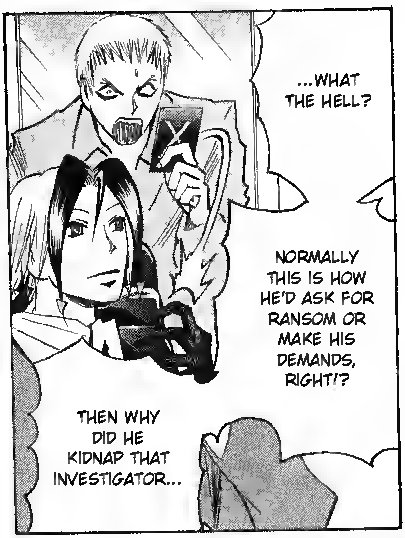
SASA-ZUKA.
IF YOU ENCOUNTERED X, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
CAPTURE HIM ALIVE.
ARE YOU STILL PREPARED TO DIE FOR IT?
I AM.
THEN YOU'RE QUALIFIED.
GO.

I KNOW MR. USUI VERY WELL.
IF HE RECOMMENDS SOMEONE, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
YEAH.
ESPECIALLY LATELY.
OH...
HE'S A WONDERFULLY FAST DECISION-MAKER.
ACKNOW-LEDGED.
IT'S GOOD TO MEET YOU, DETECTIVE SASAZUKA.
FIRST OF ALL...
LET'S GO THE THE VILLAGE TO SEARCH FOR CLUES.
THAT'S SMASHING, YOU'VE PRETTY MUCH GOT THE KNACK OF IT!!
DO I HAVE TOO MUCH OF AN ACCENT FOR MY BROKEN ENGLISH TO BE UNDER-STOOD?
BY THE BY, IT'S A BLOODY RELIEF YOU SEEM TO HAVE STEPPED SPEAKING ENGLISH IN THIS FASHION

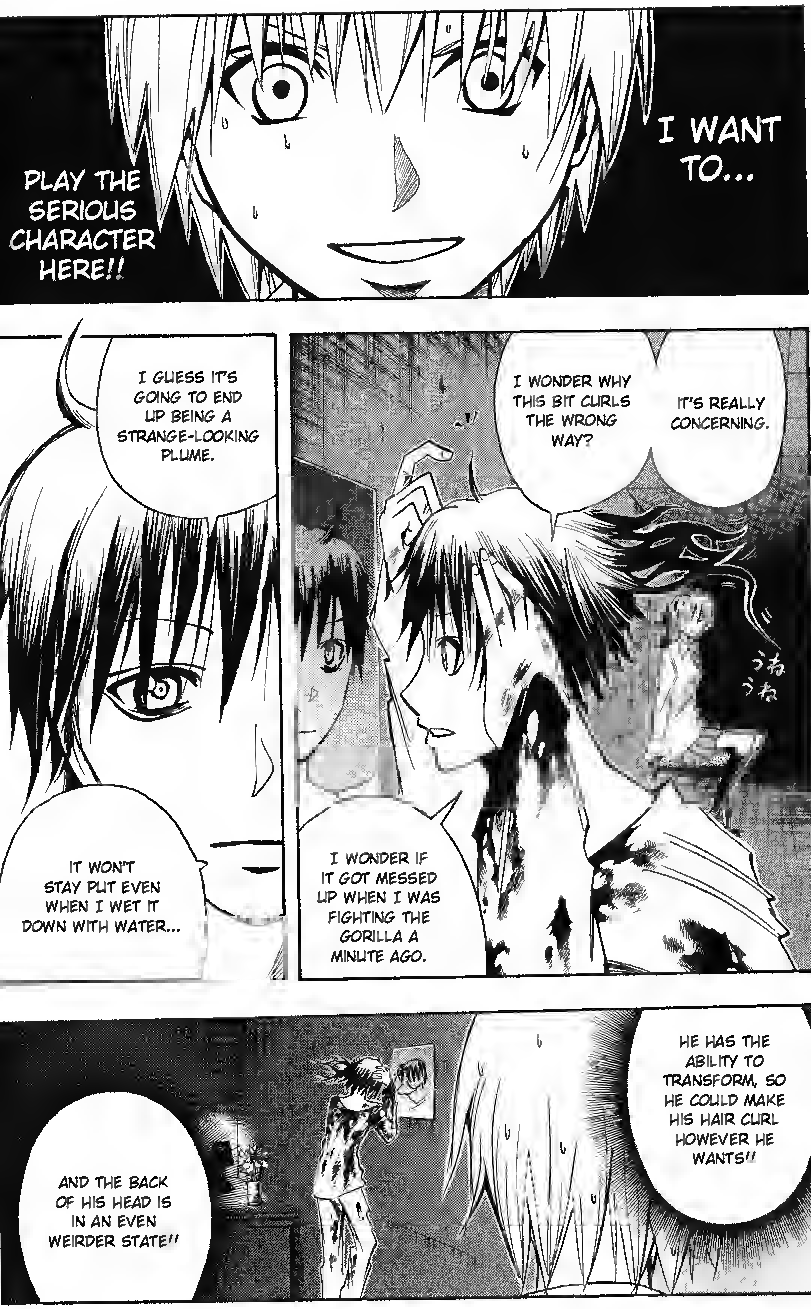

X
...WHAT'S UP WITH THIS CARD?
MAYBE IT'S A THREAT FROM X?


...HM.
IT SEEMS HE DOES NOT INTEND TO SIMPLY RETURN THE HOSTAGE.


X IS NOT DEMANDING MONEY FROM ME.
DO NOT THINK ABOUT IT USING YOUR COMMON SENSE.


X
...WHAT THE HELL?
NORMALLY THIS IS HOW HE'D ASK FOR RANSOM OR MAKE HIS DEMANDS, RIGHT!?
THEN WHY DID HE KIDNAP THAT INVESTIGATOR...

A KIDNAPPING IN THE DEMON WORLD IS NOT SUCH A THING AS THIS.
EVEN THE MIGHTY WHO KIDNAPPED A CONTINENT FOR ROUGHLY FIVE THOUSAND YEARS...
HUH?
DEMON WORLD?
WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT?
GIIYAAA
WHAT'S WITH THIS DEMON WORLD THING.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE MAKING UP WEIRD STORIES.
.....
OH MY, THAT WAS CLOSE.
I HAD JUST STARTED TALKING ABOUT MY ORIGINS OUT OF HABIT.
HM.
IT IS NAGGING AT ME.
THE ABSENCE OF MY STRAIGHT-MAN CHARACTER.


I WANT TO...
PLAY THE SERIOUS CHARACTER HERE!!
I GUESS IT'S GOING TO END UP BEING A STRANGE-LOOKING PLUME.
IT WON'T STAY PUT EVEN WHEN I WET IT DOWN WITH WATER...
I WONDER WHY THIS BIT CURLS THE WRONG WAY?
IT'S REALLY CONCERNING.
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I WONDER IF IT GOT MESSED UP WHEN I WAS FIGHTING THE GORILLA A MINUTE AGO.
HE HAS THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM, SO HE COULD MAKE HIS HAIR CURL HOWEVER HE WANTS!!
AND THE BACK OF HIS HEAD IS IN AN EVEN WEIRDER STATE!!

BUT IF I DO A BAD JOB OF IT, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'D KILL ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHEN HIS MURDEROUSLY VIOLENT AND CRUEL NATURE WILL BE UNLEASHED.
NATURALLY, THERE'S A LOT OF WAYS TO BE THE STRAIGHT MAN.
SINCE HIS VERY EXISTENCE IS SO FAR FROM HUMAN TO BEGIN WITH...
WHO'S SO EASYGOING ABOUT ME PLAYING THE SERIOUS ROLE TO HIM.
HE'S FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM NEURO...
ON THAT POINT
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WHAT ARE YOU SPACING OUT FOR, KATSURAGI YAKO?
LET'S GET BACK TO THE SUBJECT NOW.

YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTICED IT FASTER, MISS FAKE INVESTIGATOR.
YOU REALLY ARE JUST THERE FOR NEURO TO HIDE BEHIND.
I CAN'T CHOOSE HOW I WANT TO KILL NEURO.
I HAVE TO SAY
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THAT'S WHY...
I'M SURE HE'LL COME TO SAVE YOU.
IT'LL BE TOO MUCH WORK TO MAKE ANOTHER FROM SCRATCH.
AFTER HE WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF MAKING THE FACE OF A FAMOUS INVESTIGATOR
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO LET GO OF YOU SO EASILY.

SO I'LL...
MEET HIM ON A BATTLEGROUND THAT GIVES ME THE MOST ADVANTAGE.
THIS TIME...
I'LL REND NEURO'S INSIDES APART.
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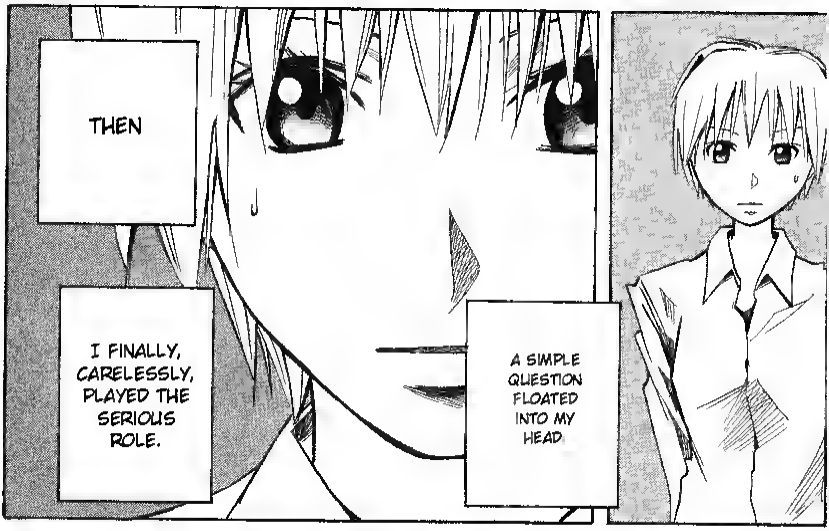
YOU'LL OBSERVE NEURO'S INSIDES...
TO SEARCH FOR A HINT OF WHO YOU ARE INSIDE?
YES.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
THIS TIME...
THIS TIME, I KNOW I'LL FIND OUT WHO I AM INSIDE.

THE CELLULAR COMPOSITION OF THE REAL ME, RACE, AGE, SEX
IF I CAN FIGURE THAT OUT...
I CAN FINALLY GO BACK TO BEING THAT PERSON.
GO BACK?
WHEN YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE INSIDE...
YOU'LL GO BACK TO BEING THAT PERSON?
OF COURSE.
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN UNEASY.
NOT KNOWING WHO I AM INSIDE... IS LIKE FLOATING IN SPACE.
I WANT TO GET OUT OF THAT AS SOON AS I CAN.

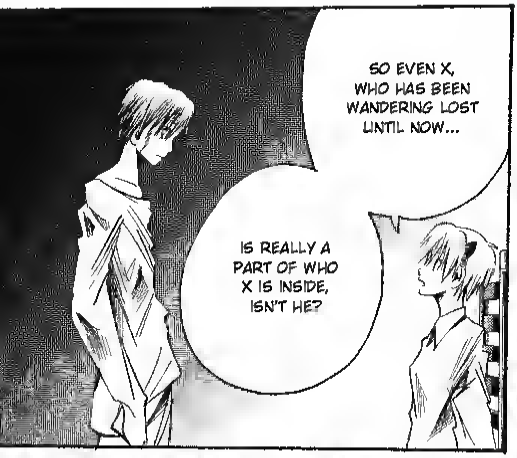
EVERYTHING...
IS ALL SO I CAN GO BACK TO WHO I SHOULD BE.
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE I FORGOTTEN.
THAT LONG, LONG TIME THAT I'VE BEEN LOST...


THEN
I FINALLY, CARELESSLY, PLAYED THE SERIOUS ROLE.
A SIMPLE QUESTION FLOATED INTO MY HEAD

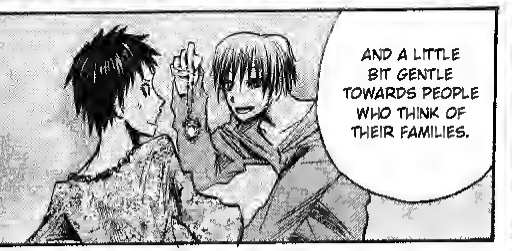
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE GORILLA MEAT COOKED...
X.
HEY, X.

THE X WHO'S HERE *NOW*...
ISN'T THAT WHO KAITOU "X" REALLY IS INSIDE?

ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PEOPLE INSIDE.
MYSELF, BEFORE I MET NEURO DURING THAT CASE AND MYSELF, NOW...
AND THEN BEING HELD CAPTIVE LIKE THIS
...BEING FORCED TO SEE THE FACE OF THE CRIMINAL THAT MURDERED MY FATHER BY X AT THE VILLAGE
GAVE ME A SUDDEN THOUGHT.
WITH THAT CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENT, EVERYTHING CHANGED.
AND I LEARNED A VARIETY OF THINGS FROM THOSE PEOPLE.
I MET A VARIETY OF PEOPLE
...I GOT TO BE RESISTANT TO STRESS AND BEING ATTACKED.
AND GENERALLY, AT THE PACE OF ABOUT ONCE A DAY, IN A SHOULDER-LOCK


SO EVEN X, WHO HAS BEEN WANDERING LOST UNTIL NOW...
IS REALLY A PART OF WHO X IS INSIDE, ISN'T HE?

AND EGOTISTICAL
CRUEL
WITHOUT THE MEANS TO KNOW YOUR OWN ROOTS
AND VIOLENT
AND CHILDLIKE


AND A LITTLE BIT GENTLE TOWARDS PEOPLE WHO THINK OF THEIR FAMILIES.

I THINK WHO PEOPLE ARE INSIDE IS GRADUALLY BEING ADDED TO, BIT BY BIT
AND ON A SAD NOTE THEY CAN END UP CHOOSING A WAY OF LIVING THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT, TOO

TO ME, KAITOU "X" IS...
A PERSON WHO'S LIKE THAT INSIDE.
ALREADY WHO I AM INSIDE?
I'M...
WHO I AM INSIDE...
WHO I AM NOW IS...
..... YEAH.
WHO I AM INSIDE...

ARE YOU STUPID ?
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I'M NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO A DRAWN-OUT, RIDICULOUS SPEECH LIKE THAT.
WHY WOULD IT BE TRUE.
WHEN I HAVE THIS KIND OF MONSTROUS POWER INSIDE ME.
...!!
NO!!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...
I'M NOT EXPECTING TO HEAR TRASH FROM YOU.
...THAT'S ENOUGH.

I'LL TEACH YOU...
ABOUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO USE HAL'S EYE.

...GO ON, TELL ME.
WHO'S YOUR MASTER?